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KIDNAPPED!

By John Economos

TALENTED Socceroo and Sydney Olympic winger Chris Kalantzis signed last night with Greek First Division club Panathinaikos for an Australian record transfer of \$200,000.

But, the deal was not clinched until after a series of amazing events which followed his arrival at Athens airport late last week.

Kalantzis was sensationally hijacked at the airport on his arrival by two unidentified men claiming they were there to expediate his immigration clearance within the terminal.

Kalantzis flew last week to Greece with Sydney Olympic president Tom Doumanis for talks with officials from Greek First Division club, Olympiakos.

Olympiakos had invited Kalantzis to Greece for trials and discussions.

However, the Panathinaikos club zipped in behind Olympiakos' back and last night signed Kalantzis on a four year contract.

Inside Athens terminal, two unidentified men suddenly appeared and called out: "Mr Chris Kalantzis, please come this way for a quick clearance."

Kalantzis was hastily whisked away through a side passage marked "VIP".

Stunned Olympiakos officials waiting outside customs for Kalantzis, soon realised a "Greek Conspiracy" had been executed by their arch-rival club Panathinaikos.

The deed had been

done much to the embarrassment of Mr Doumanis, who had his player stolen from right under his nose.

Within two hours, the Greek media were telephoning Australian Soccer Weekly's offices in Sydney for details on this "mysterious Aussie star".

Some four hours after his hijacking, Kalantzis was traced at an aunt's home on the outskirts of Athens.

Kalantzis had been offered a five year contract — valued at \$210,000 — by Olympiakos and Sydney Olympic expected to receive a \$170,000 transfer fee.

However, Panathinaikos jumped in with an extra \$30,000 for Kalantzis' transfer.

Kalantzis is to return to Australia within the next few days to complete his contract in the NSL with Sydney Olympic and will return to Greece in December.

Kalantzis, however, will not be lost to Australian Soccer.

His international clearance from the Australian Soccer Federation contains a special clause which states that Panathinaikos must automatically release the player for Australia's matches for the Olympic Games, should national coach, Frank Arok want his services.



Socceroo and Sydney Olympic winger Chris Kalantzis in action against Footscray.

USSR Under 16 World Champions USSR 3 Nigeria 1 (Penalties)

Charlie Caruso sings . . .

BALANCED ECONOMICS WINS OUT

BY TOM MCKAIN

THE Australian Soccer Federation and the National Soccer League appear to be in a stand-off situation over the extent of availability for training of national squad players.

Indeed it is a classic national association versus League situation.

The clubs need their players, and the Socceroos are in a horrible position to counter fulltime player opponents, unless they can put their shoulders to the wheel more often.

It has been pointed out that the lesson of the President's Cup in South Korea is that part-time player nations will continue to find it difficult to overcome the pros.

And, more particularly, if the part-time nations have to take the field every second day their fitness levels do drop away.

The teams are left with only sheer raw courage to try and make up for having leaden feet.

It is altogether too much of a burden to bear.

So the national squad needs more camps, more training and probably additional matches as well.

But the basis of football must lie in the major club competitions. Without them the game is a farce and any international honours secured unfortunately end up doing little to advance the game.

Enter the clubs, breathing fire and brimstone and claiming more use of their own players, without whom they cannot put on the class of football that the public so rightly demands.

In spite of the claims, the clubs generally caused a deal of their own problems recently by closing down the competition for three weeks for the President's Cup tournament.

It all points to the need for the ASF, the NSL and their coaching specialists to jointly try and overcome the problems.

Suggestions that the national squad go fulltime beg the question of whether sufficient funds are available to enable this to be done.

On the face of it the idea appears to be an impossibility.

So the only answer surely must be for the parties to do the best that they can for the good of the sport by coming together to find the best possible solution.

Apart from that what must Australia do to lift itself in World Soccer ratings?

The basic lesson involves a realisation that the country must have a stronger top competition or competitions.

The sport has gained from the consolidation of playing strength into one 13 team league, but it has not increased in public support because it has only taken a limited step up the track.

It is growing increasingly likely that, at some future point, there will be something of the nature of two ten team divisions or alternatively super state leagues.

It will take time for the realisation that the sport in NSW, Queensland and the ACT will suffer further unless their major centres receive a better deal, but the point is not lost on the more enlightened administrators in those states.

The alternative of professional football would do wonders for Soccer, but in its present format it is not achievable.

Even a limited period winter indoor competition would only provide for a handful of the players.

This would require a deal of restructuring that is beyond the present possibilities in the game, unless a new category of entrepreneur is introduced.

In the meanwhile the brain drain to Europe is continuing unabated.

The latest to set off is Chris Kalantzis, a player who alternatively has thrilled and occasionally disappointed.

He has the ability to make the grade if he can respond to the degree of discipline that he will now encounter.

Robbie Dunn, likely to go to Utrecht, and Graham Arnold, wanted by Roda, could both find places in worthwhile clubs in the Dutch League.

Replacing this trio will be difficult, just as Sydney Croatia found it difficult to find someone to match up with Jim Patikas' lightning fast moves.

It remains to be seen whether these players settle down in Greece and Holland, but the likelihood is that they will.

Paul Carter has taken a big step by moving to Vardar at the end of the year.

Again here is a player with real class, who should look at the other options that could come his way in Europe.

ADELAIDE City president, Mr CHARLIE CARUSO, has come out in support of VSF chief Mr Jack Reilly on the amount of cash being wasted by West End National League clubs.

He was commenting on Olympic president, Mr Ton Doumanis' criticism of Mr Reilly.

Mr Doumanis said that if clubs did not spend big on players, signing-on fees and weekly payments, the league would not be of the standard it was today.

"We won the 1986 title on a shoestring budget, and with the backing of our players who were willing to take wage cuts," said Mr Caruso.

some clubs are making we would have nothing.

"I will name only one instance which is perhaps typical.

"At a recent NSL meeting one official told me one of his club's players was being paid more than \$1000 per game — and he is not an overseas import.

"Now if a club can afford it good luck to them, but I know there is no club working on a profit or break even budget who can do

off our debts, particularly on our building, and our players will be rewarded for the sacrifice they made and for giving us their all on the field.

"But clubs will go bankrupt if the league does not rationalise transfer fees and payments to players."

While City is struggling

to keep its team in the top echelon following injuries and suspensions, it must be admitted without spending huge sums of money.

It was even "raided" by Marconio who tempted Socceroo striker Steve Maxwell away, but despite having to field players who could be termed reserves in key positions, has managed to maintain an aura of champions.

And it is perhaps ironic that it was Olympics they beat for the title last year.

Apart from not having any "full-time" players, City does not boast a full-time coach.

Zoran Matic, who has encouraged the cutting of spending, is a key employee with Boral, and manages to combine his business career and his Soccer interests to the benefit of both parties.

Rale Rasic and Les Scheinflug were the last full-time coaches at City.



Ad City president CHARLIE CARUSO (right) pictured with Deputy Prime Minister LIONEL BOWEN.

... a ground and clubrooms to show for it

"I am not picking a fight with Olympic, but I will say Jack Reilly was right in his comments.

"When Adelaide City joined the league at its inception we spent big all round. "Now we are almost back in the black, and we do have a ground and clubrooms to show for it.

"But if we had tried to keep up with the payments

that.

"We would be the first to pay our players big money if we could afford it.

"But is it common business sense that if you have 11 workers and you pay them \$500 each but you make only enough to cover \$200 each, you change your wage structure."

PLAYING BRAZILIAN STYLES?

BY TOM MCKAIN

IT's on again. This time from Under 16 coach VIC DALGLEISH.

We're referring to the suggestion that AUSTRALIA needs the BRAZILIAN influence in our play, and that is will come from coaching.

He is not the first coach, or official, to advocate this. But what did the Joeys do to the Brazil team?

Brazilians have a natural flair which is suited to their climate and their make-up.

Nigeria, who beat us in the quarter-finals, were hailed for the fact that they had Brazilian coaches.

But we would suggest that their coloured players can more easily adapt to the Brazilian style, and already play it long before any coach gets near them.

And they beat us only 1-0, so was there all that much difference?

Saying we can teach our players to play like South Americans is like saying we can teach our cricketers to bowl like West Indians.

21 Again and Again

Sweeper, Bugsy Nyskohus, Adelaide City's veteran captain who, at 37, says he will come up for another season when he is 38, could well follow the example of veteran Scot Sandy Jardine.

The former Glasgow Rangers player is now sweeper and co-manager of Hearts in the Scottish Premier League — and he'll be 39 on New Year's eve!

And Jardine plans to be still playing when he's 40.

His routine is simple. He packs most of his training into the pre-season schedule so he just has to "tick over" between matches when the season gets underway.

"That routine would not suit lads half my age, but it works for me — it has to."

It can be lonely working out on your own, but if veterans want to stay at the top that appears to be the way to do it.

Turnabout

Two young SA teammates will be bitter rivals on August 1.

Hellas midfielder and youth Socceroo veteran Lou Hristodoulou joined Salisbury midfield-striker David Latham in the national Youth line-up for trial games in New Caledonia.

The pair are now due to fly back into Adelaide in time to play for their clubs against each other in a match which could decide the Rothmans League title, and a chance to play off for a berth in the West End National League next season.



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Adelaide City's sweeper and captain BUGSY NYSKOHUS (third from right) challenges Andy Stankovic of Olympic with team-mate Charlie Villani.

EMOTIONAL KRNCEVIC

THE other day I tuned in to Radio 2GB Sydney and heard an interesting discussion between National coach Frank Arok, journalist Tom Anderson and that fine player Eddie Krncevic.

Everyone knows that Eddie is in the European superstar class.

Yet there was a stand-off. It seems that Eddie does not contact Frank — and vice versa.

So where does the responsibility lie if the player is good enough to appear for his own national team?

Eddie was obviously emotional over the possibility of again playing for his Motherland.

The player is that good that the National coach of Belgium approached him to see if he would play for them.

Remember that the Belgium ended up fourth in Mexico. That is a tremendous

“ Eddie was obviously emotional over the possibility of playing ”

I would have thought that it was up to the organisation to make contact with the professional player, to find out what arrangements are possible for him to play.

It had been said that Eddie didn't want to play under Frank.

But I'm puzzled, because the interview didn't demonstrate any reason to me why Eddie shouldn't be contacted.

dous compliment for an Australian player.

It's not important for Eddie to play against Taiwan. But what an asset he would be in the big games.

Craig J.

Let's side-track a little to delve into the Craig Johnston case.

A while ago Frank Arok was delighted to know that Craig would play for Australia.



EDDIE KRNCEVIC tests the New Zealand defence in the 1981 World Cup qualifier. As a mere 21-year-old he'd struck up nearly 30 appearances



RALE RASIC gives his upmost thoughts and views in his ASW column. Outspoken and frank, his stories make engrossing reading.

MARADONA — ESSENTIAL

AUSTRALIA has a job akin to scaling Mt Everest to stage such an event as the Bicentennial Gold Cup.

This is an country where racing, Australian rules and rugby have a far firmer hold.

I wonder if the Australian Soccer Federation originally realised how difficult the job would be.

Perhaps they should have had a fulltime man on the job a couple of years ago to keep the ball rolling.

So much depends on Argentina's Maradona. He is an essential ingredient, but we must all wait and see if he will finally be here.

The power of Argentina and Brazil is one thing, but the other contestant, Saudi Arabia, is another.

Petrodollars have improved their football, but only in 1982 they went down 5-0 to New Zealand.

It seems a pity that we couldn't get a team in the class of Chile, Yugoslavia, Poland or Hungary. One such nation certainly would have been a better drawing power.

tralia.

But, what do you know, Craig changed his mind.

My considered opinion was that Craig was seeking publicity and that he

had little intention ever of playing for this country.

All the more, then, do I sympathise with Eddie.

Australia needs him. And I think our country is

being punished more than the player, as it stands.

But, readers, maybe it is in your hands to decide who is right and who is wrong. I certainly hope things change.

RUNNING A PUBLIC FORUM

IT's very difficult for SBS-TV to conduct a meaningful ballot into the validity or otherwise of Summer Soccer.

This is due to the factors which become involved.

For a start this a multicultural country. Many people can't voice their vote for or against due to language problems.

Some who write are the people who often do so and they can tend not to be representative of the public at large.

other who have worthwhile views don't express them, and there are those

who find it difficult to allocate the time.

And then at this juncture - and a point which I understand will later be improved - it is a case of what proportion of interested people can obtain the SBS signal.

It seems to me that the people running the game must be big enough to take whatever decision they make on their own shoulders.

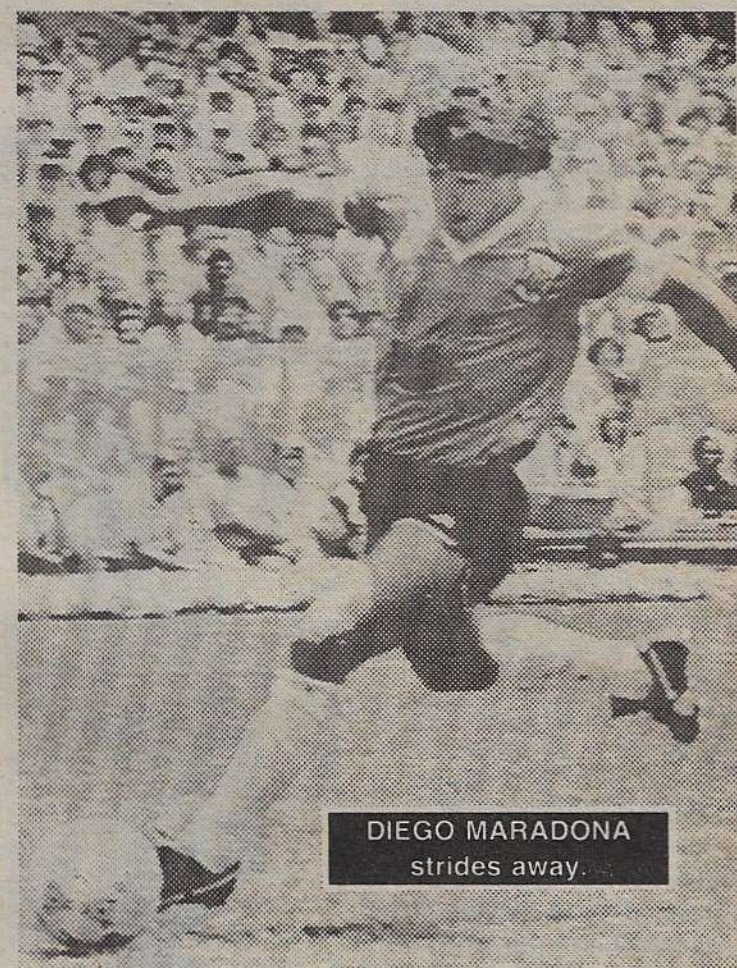
ders.

It's no small decision, and they have to guard against it becoming a joke.

AND what about a little tailpiece for the NSL...

The clubs aren't supposed to know who the referee is who will be in charge of their game.

Yet one Sydney Sunday paper had an article about the man in charge the other week!



DIEGO MARADONA strides away.

ACCIDENT SEES...

PROUD FERNHILL IN TROUBLE

PHIL MURPHY TELLS WHY

FERNHILL have a proud tradition in ILLAWARRA Soccer but the club is battling to survive in the PREMIER LEAGUE — tragically a road accident could be the deciding factor if they go down.

On the Thursday night before their home game against Tarrawanna, their key striker Glen Williams was knocked from his motor bike on his way to training and broke a leg.

Coach Gerry Walker was shattered by the setback but was quick to add relieved that Williams hadn't suffered more serious injury.

"We are all upset by the accident but it could have been a lot worse from what we are told," Walker said.

"A car pulled out in front of him not far from the ground and he was knocked about a bit."

Ironically, one of the first people on the scene was Bulli winger Ron Van der Voorde who was on his way to training.

Van der Voorde noticed

the bike rider lying on the road was wearing soccer boots and pulled up.

"I had a real shock when I

saw Glen lying there and he looked in a bad way," the Bulli player said.

Without Williams, Fernhill lost 2-0 to Tarrawanna two days later and faced a real battle to stay in the Premier League.

Walker said the key man in their fight against relegation was finished for the season.

Fernhill have been operating in Illawarra for 61 years and played in the top league ALL that time.

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST SOCCER CLUB

is holding a celebration dinner to honour the induction of former captain, player, manager and coach JOHNNY WARREN into the Australian Sports Hall of Fame

For this purpose it is attempting to contact former players, coaches and supporters and would appreciate the relevant persons contacting the club on 579.6977. The Celebration Dinner will be held at the St George BSC Club on Thursday August 6.



Flashback: Johnny Warren scores against APIA in the 1967 final.



Left: CHARLIE YANKOS and right TERRY GREEDY. Two of APIA's purchases for the 1987 season.



PLAYERS' Player of the Year Award

THE West End National Soccer League is soon to make an announcement on the introduction of what will become AUSTRALIAN SOCCER'S most valued and prestigious award — The Players' Player of the Year . . .

The following extracts from "Aussie Soccer", the WENSL's monthly publication, gives a balanced view as to how the players themselves feel about the Award of Awards.

The WENSL has received approaches from three leading players — former Winfield Socceroos John Kosmina and Terry Greedy and Apla's former Young Socceroo Peter Tredinnick.

The problems with this excellent idea is how do the players vote and on what basis.

"At this stage I would hope that we can get the captain at each club to look after the votes being submitted by all the players qualifying to vote," says Terry Greedy.

"We would keep the votes sealed and open them only on the night to add to the uncertainty about the winner."

Here is a cross section of views from Preston's Con Opasinis, Sydney Croatia's Robbie Slater and Adelaide City's Buggy Nyskohus as told to "Aussie Soccer".

Each player also selects his team of the year — up until the break in the West End National Soccer League for the President's Cup.

"It's difficult to accept at times that the hard work done off the ball is never noticed either in the press or by the referees when it comes to giving votes for these awards," Opasinis said.

It goes without saying that he is all for an introduction of the Player's Player of the Year in Australian soccer — and believes that if run properly, it will become the most respected award by the players themselves within a very short period of time.

"The players who do one or two attractive things in a match are the ones that grab the eye of the media, while a lot of players who do the hard work hardly ever get mentioned."

Opasinis believes the best way to run such an award would be for the captain of the team to collect the votes from his side every week and for those (sealed) votes to be passed on to a central point for counting at the end of the season.

"I think that to be eligible to vote for such an award, a player will need to have played the majority of the league games, say no less than 15 games."

Asked to name his best 11 players after the first 10 rounds of the 1987 West End NSL, Opasinis came up with the following selection:

Jeff Oliver: "His form at Heidelberg proves he is Australia's No 1 keeper."



ROBBIE SLATER

Wally Savor: "Skillful and quick and a rightback who loves to go forward."

Gary McDowall: "An especially tough opponent this season, very professional, very good in the air."

John Yzendoorn: "Still the sweeper with the best vision in the game and excellent at instant decision making."

Graham Jennings: "Similar qualities to Savor on the other side of the park."

Ron Campbell: "His workrate in the first 10 games has been phenomenal. Excellent distribution and for my money one of the best midfielders in Australia."

Zarko Odzakovic: "Still deserves to be in the best 11 despite missing games through injury. He has played in six matches anyway and in the match against Preston he destroyed us."

Paul Wade: "Another with a tremendous workrate and tremendous going forward."

Peter Raskopoulos: "A proven player's player who is always involved."

Robbie Slater: "He's had an absolutely sensational start. Strong and not afraid to go in where it hurts to get among the goals."

Graham Arnold: "Again top workrate, great in the air, an asset to any team on his present form. And will score goals from anywhere."

ROBBIE SLATER
(Sydney Croatia)

I'm not trying to take anything away from the other awards but there would be nothing to beat being voted the best by your peers.

At the same time, I realise that such an award would be hard to organise because the only fair way to arrive at a player of the year is to conduct the vote on a match by match basis.

If the award was to be conducted this year with votes submitted once at the end of the season, I believe the NSL should limit the voting to players who have played three quarters of the season.

His 11 best players:

Anthony Franken: "I'm a bit biased here because I know Jeff Oliver has also played very well, but Tony has been in very good form."

Wally Savor: "Has been our best defender, loves coming forward and there is no better marker than him in Australia."

Arno Bertogna: "So strong and so hard to beat."

Robbie Dunn: "Marked me both times we've played them and hardly let me have a kick."

Alex Tobin: "Excellent fullback who played really well against us."

Zarko Odzakovic: "In fantastic form before his injury. In fact our form dropped once he stopped playing."



One of the 'innovators' of the well credentialled award — TERRY GREEDY.

Charley Villani: "Excellent player especially coming from deep."

Sergio Melita: "Dictates in the middle setting up everything for Adelaide City."

Frank Farina: "Fighting a bit of a lone battle at Marconi but in great form nevertheless especially early in the season."

Rod Brown: "Great respect for his goalscoring ability."

Graham Arnold: "Unbelievably high workrate and another top finisher."

BUGSY BYSKOHUS
Adelaide City

The concept of a Players' Player of the Year award is excellent but devising a method of voting would be difficult.

The major concern is that we don't see all the

players on a week-by-week basis in Adelaide.

A vote for every player would be the fairest method.

Best 11 players:

Willie McNally: "It was either Jeff Oliver or Willie McNally. Willie gets the nod because he has made some brilliant saves for us while we put four past Jeff when we played Heidelberg."

Paul Shillabeer: "Has developed into an uncompromising defender since he came back to us from Beograd."

Graham Jennings: "I like the way he goes for-

ward and what he does with the ball when he breaks."

Gerry Gomez: "My ideal sweeper. Versatile customer, dangerous at set pieces, a good tackler and skilful on top of that."

Ian Dobson: "Tough, hard to get past and cast in the mould of a solid stopper."

Paul Wade: "Good all-rounder. Can tackle, closes people down quickly, defensive and attacking qualities which make him invaluable in the middle of the park."

Charley Villani: "Skills to hold the ball and now the

added consistency that makes him a genuine match winner."

Abbas Saad: "Confident when he breaks into attack, a fine competitor and definitely one to watch for the future."

Frank Farina: "A great striker. Quick, mobile, adaptable and tremendous shooting power."

Joe Mullen: "Tremendous workrate and skill to burn apart from possessing the important ingredient of unpredictability."

Rod Brown: "Strong robust type with a deadly shot. Like all good strikers has a nose for goals."

PETER KATHOLOS DESERVES A RAP

IT'S always great to see someone get up off the floor just as everyone is about to count them out.

That certainly applies to Peter Katholos, rated by Apia's coach Rale Rasic as "the form midfielder" in Australia.

Without going into whether Kat is the best or whatever, I'm delighted for the former Socceroo and Sydney Olympic midfielder.

The change of club and environment has certainly worked wonders and there is little doubt 'Kat' is one very good reason for Apia's form this season.

Kat has always had the skills and showed them to great effect in his earlier Young Socceroo and Sydney Olympic days.

He has now added that sought after quality of character to his game. He is now mature enough to carry on where he left off and justify Rasic's claim at the highest of levels possible in this country — and that is winning back a spot in the Winfield Socceroos.



PETER KATHOLOS



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LIVE IT AROUND A WEST END EXPORT.

THE JOHNNY WARREN STORY



Johnny Warren exchanging pennants with his South Korea counterpart before the final of the Saigon tournament.

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST Soccer club has organised a special dinner to be held next week (Thursday, August 6th) to honour Australia's former World Cup captain, Johnny Warren's induction to the Australian Sports Hall of Fame.

During the coaching reign of that wonderful human being, the late Uncle Joe Vlasits, Warren captained Australia from 1967 to 1970 and was the youngest national skipper on record.

St George back in 1961, bought Warren from the old Canterbury Club — the club which, during that era, produced the nationwide famous "Canterbury Babes" which boasted teenage super-stars, Johnny Watkiss, Brian Smith and Warren.

The Saints paid out the then record transfer fee of \$3,000 plus a player (Alan Hethrington).

In those days, Warren was an outright striker.

He made his first grade debut at the tender age of 15, in an era where teenage first graders could be counted on one hand.

The wiry youngster was tossed into the deep end, having to face big-time personality stars.

SUPER STARS

Super-stars of the calibre of Leo Baumgartner, Karl Jaros, Walter Tamandl, Johnny Giacometti, Alick Jefferies,

“He made his first grade debut at 15 in an era where teenage first graders could be counted on one hand.”

Herbert Ninaus, Louis Gauto, Ronnie Lord, the late Andy Saghl, Fil Bottalico, Ricardo Campana and of course, one of Warren's very special childhood friends, the great Johnny Watkiss.

Watkiss, like Warren, had become an Australian Soccer super-star.

From 1965 to 1974 Watkiss was the only Australian player to have represented in three World Cups, playing in all three lines.

This giant immaculate athlete, together with Warren, was arguably the best Soccer player this wonderful nation has produced.

Watkiss, one of Warren's idols as a teenager, played for Canterbury,

Apia, Hakoah and in the twilight of his career with Sutherland.

He migrated from England at the tender age of 10 and moved into Warren's childhood neighbourhood at Botany, a Sydney suburb wedged on the shores of Botany Bay.

Watkiss' arrival at Botany was probably the greatest thing to happen to young Johnny Warren.

Within his luggage, the adolescent Watkiss had brought out from England, stacks of Soccer books and magazines which of course were alien to a wide-eyed Warren.

Warren had never seen anything like them before as the Australian market at that time had no Soc-

cer books, let alone Australian Soccer Weeklies floating about.

INSEPARABLE

The two youngsters became inseparable as Soccer cemented a bond between them that has lasted some 35 years.

Both graduated into first grade.

Both were to pull on the Green and Gold shirt and step onto international arenas all over the world.

As we said, at 15, and whilst a brilliant student at Sydney's Cleveland Street Boys High, Warren became the youngest ever to break into first grade Soccer.

In 1958, Scotland's champion club, Hearts of Midlothian, was touring Australia, and Warren was presented to them at a special training clinic they performed for youngsters at Wentworth Park.

The hardened Scottish pros at that time, after seeing Johnny on the ball, made a prediction to the Sydney press who were at the training clinic.

Hearts' manager, the former Scottish International, Tommy Walker, stated: "This young lad will play for Australia one day".

BORN LEADER

The skipper of Hearts, John Cumming, said: "This lad is a born leader."

Seven years later, such predictions crystalised as Warren was selected in the Australian World Cup side to go to Cambodia for World Cup elimination matches in 1965.

Born in the Sydney suburb of Botany, on May 17th, 1943, Warren took up Soccer with a church team at the mature age of four.

The Warren family boasted two other sons, Ross and Geoff. Both Soccer stars in their own right.

Ross, the eldest, was a dynamic, tough, no-nonsense fullback with the Budapest club, possessing a lethal right boot ever-ready to strike the target whenever he pushed up.

Geoff became a spectacular left winger with the Canterbury club. Once Geoff gained possession, he'd rocket away for the corner flag and whip in his red-hot cross looking to hit any support in the box.

Johnny was the baby of Australia's best known trio.

The Warren brothers, in those days, were equally known in sporting circles as today's famous cricketers, the Chappell brothers.

ON Thursday, August 6 the St George club will hold a celebration dinner to honour the induction of former Socceroo and St George great JOHNNY WARREN into the Australian Sports Hall of Fame.

As a special tribute from ASW we begin today the first part of a two part series on the career of Warren.

His close friend, ASW special writer JOHN ECONOMOS, who went to school with Warren, takes a look at one of Australian and sports favourite sons.



Johnny Warren (left) and his good mate Johnny Watkiss do battle against each other.

CRICKETER

What was not so well known was the fact that all three Warren boys were also excellent cricketers, with Geoff an exceptional wicket-keeper who was mean once he donned his gloves.

Had it not been for Soccer, Johnny could have easily had a career as a cricketer with Test status.

The youngest Warren had everything.

A whip-lash right handed delivery when bowling pace, an unplayable wrist leg-spinner and to top it all off, a stylistic batsman who relished the square-cut and blasting drives through the on and off side.

Soccer had another Richie Benaud, but, instead, he elected to wear

bie strikers, reeling off goal after goal.

In 1965, at the age of 22, Warren was drafted into the Australian squad to travel to Korea for World Cup elimination matches leading to the 1966 World Cup Finals to be staged in England.

GENERAL

Within two years, the rangy goalscoring striker had matured into a tough, speedy and very determined midfield-general.

Australia's World Cup side — lacking international experience — copped a hiding, the penalty for being outlawed by FIFA for so long.

Whilst in exile by the World Soccer body, Australia had lost com-

wing boards and start from scratch.

Showing a flash of rare wisdom, the Australian Soccer Federation appointed the grand old man, Uncle Joe Vlasits as coach and assigned him the unenviable task of completely rebuilding Australia's national team, in the ready for the 1970 World Cup campaign.

In October, 1967 Warren was appointed captain of Australia by Uncle Joe.

To help toughen and break in quickly some young material with exciting potential, Uncle Joe accepted a dubious invitation to tour South East Asia.

The conditions were hazardous to say the least.

VIETNAM

The Asiatic invitation, took Australia into the ravaged depths of Saigon, Vietnam. An address far from peaceful in 1967.

The young, rebuilt Australian squad got ready for a "Rambo" type of initiation in international Soccer.

“This lad will play for Australia.”

Australia's Green shorts instead of white flannels at the S.C.G.

Soccer was to remain very high on Warren's priority list.

With Budapest he became one of the club's most consistent and reliable

plete touch with world Soccer.

Sir Arthur George fought to get Australia back into FIFA and quickly ordered that we go right back to the dra-



A blast from the past. From left: Johnny Warren shooting some snooker watched by Manfred Schaefer, Peter Fuzes, Allan Marnoch, John Perin and Joe Vlasits.

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK

Ollie says . . .

SUMMER SOCCER — IT HAS TO BE

He tells GREG BLAKE

PETER OLLERTON, current Melbourne Croatia coach and one of the genuine all-time greats of Australian Soccer, has come out in support of the Summer Soccer concept.

The big blond former Socceroo striker didn't mince words as a player and he has spelt out in no uncertain terms that Soccer in this country is in trouble.

"There are problems and I think it's about time we started to take a few gambles to see how we go," Ollerton told ASW.

"I've been in the game long enough and I think if I and other coaches and captains were asked, we might be able to suggest a few things to help the game.

"Maybe my ideas aren't spot on, but we really have to put our heads together and come up with a few ideas.

"If we could get something from it — even just one extra spectator through the gates — we'll have achieved something."

Ollerton backs the plans to introduce both summer Soccer and the three points for a win league system.

Summer Soccer has been discussed and speculated on for a decade with many prominent in the Soccer fraternity dead set against the concept.

Not so Ollerton, indeed he believes it's time we tried anything to attract the lost supporters.

"We must look at these types of ideas seriously because we really have nothing to lose.

"It doesn't matter about the coaches against the idea — why shouldn't we give it a bash?"

"After all, we've tried just about everything else and given it a year's trial.

"Why not try and utilise daylight saving?"

Player Power

Despite press speculation to the contrary, Ollerton believes that NSL players would probably back the move to summer Soccer.

"Some players won't be pleased and although I

can understand their point of views, they have to be realistic about it," he says.

"Purely from the financial aspect, they must see that if we don't pull the crowds there'll be no clubs to pay them.

"The crowd aspect at the moment is a worry.

"When you get 2000 to 3000 coming to see a game between South Melbourne Hellas and Melbourne Croatia in reasonable weather conditions, you know something is wrong."

Ollerton's idea would be to run the season from November to May with a break for the players at Christmas.

Initially, as clubs look toward installing the necessary floodlighting at their own grounds, Saturday and Sunday night double headers at Olympic Park would be the most likely crowd-drawers.

"Then people can go out with their families and

go to a match in the evening either with or without families coming along," Ollerton explained.

"And if we introduced the three points a win system, I'm certain it would lead to better entertainment for the fans.

"It would lead to a situation where all the league clubs would have to become more positive."

NO RASKO FOR S.O.

By JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC will meet Brunswick Juventus at the St George Stadium this Sunday and could again be without skipper Peter Raskopoulos.

Raskopoulos injured his foot two weeks ago but the injury has so far failed to respond to treatment.

Last Sunday's role of midfield distributor was brilliantly filled by Vicente Estavillo in Sydney Olympic's away 1-0 win against Sydney Croatia.

Olympic's opponents Brunswick, national champions just two years ago, have gradually slipped down the ladder to 10th spot — five places behind the Sydney team.

Olympic coach, Eddie Thomson said last night: "We must go for a win again to cement our fifth spot on the ladder.

"We are locked in on 15 points with two other clubs and a loss could see us crash to seventh."

Sydney Olympic striker Terry Patalis is also in doubt with a groin injury.

John Kosmina, Olympic's ace-striker, will be available for this match despite suffering a nasty head wound.



Peter Ollerton in action for Preston at left and Australia at right.

JUVE HIT OUT AT REPORTS

BY GREG BLAKE

BRUNSWICK Juventus president Domenic Tenu-ta has angrily refuted press speculation in Melbourne linking his club with South Melbourne Hellas in a ground-sharing deal for Middle Park next season.

"It's all hot air," Tenu-ta told ASW last week.

"There is nothing happening and nothing has been discussed," Tenu-ta said of a report in the Melbourne Sun.

Sun scribe Peter Desira reported Juventus as being "close to reaching an agreement to share Middle Park with South Melbourne next year".

The report went on to say that South Melbourne president Chris Christopher had confirmed that the two clubs had had talks and were close to an agreement.

"Chris Christopher must be shopping around to try and get another club to share the South Melbourne ground," Tenu-ta explained.

"But as far as we are concerned, nothing is happening at this stage."

Brunswick is known to be keen to get away from Olympic Park with the Soccer 'headquarters' of Victoria having become the bane of supporters in recent times.

Juventus fans have stayed away from home

games in droves this season, thus initiating the club's ill-fated attempt to move out and share Northcote City's John Cain Reserve for the remainder of the current season.

When that shift fell through, Brunswick Juventus announced it would play out this season and next at Olympic Park before its projected move to its own ground currently being developed in Brunswick.

A source close to Juventus confirmed that the club was considering any option to leave Olympic Park and, when pressed, Tenu-ta told ASW that Christopher had been in contact with him.

"I must admit he (Christopher) did ring me up to see if Brunswick was interested but we certainly haven't discussed things and at the moment we're simply talking about something that just could happen," Tenu-ta said.

"We don't want anything going to press before anything is confirmed."

Desira told ASW that the deal between the two clubs was "practically

finalised" with only the final details still to be sorted out.

"Tenu-ta probably just doesn't want to upset the Olympic Park management," Desira explained.

My tip is that Brunswick Juventus will be playing its home games at Middle Park next season.

MELBOURNE GROUNDS

BRUNSWICK president Dominic Tenu-ta this week gave the thumbs up for Olympic Park and Middle Park as being superior to any grounds the West End NSL can display in Sydney.

"I only rate St George," he said.

Marconi and Croatia have no cover.

"Lambert Park's roofing along one side is offset by its being such a small park."

Mr Tenu-ta did have a good word for Preston's Connor Reserve and Heidelberg's Olympic Village.

However both have nothing to offer by way of seating, whilst Chaplin and Schintler Reserve miss the cut-off point.

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REARS THE UGLY HEAD AGAIN

SAYS LES SHORROCK

MIDSUMMER MADNESS — that perennial joke, is with us again.

And by pure coincidence just as it floated in, lo and behold, the 'almighty' VFL had to release figures that show that its footy attendances are down a massive 11 per cent on last year.

What has that to do with our Soccer you might say. Quite a lot really, especially if summer Soccer is going to be pushed down our throats as an answer to dwindling attendances.

Here in Melbourne, Australian Rules gets free media coverage that must be unparalleled for any sport anywhere in the world. We are bombarded day and night seven days a week with their news, and since the unfortunate decision to give the rights to the ABC for this year only (let us pray to God) live matches occupying three hours of prime time.

The ABC doesn't have to worry any more about producing local drama, it's all provided free now.

And with what result? Dwindling attendances in

Melbourne and complete disenchantment with the VFL's attempt to go national, that's what.

Now if the Melbourne public is turning its back on its traditional entrenched game, despite the frantic efforts of every sports editor in the town, what hope have we?

The argument is continually being advanced that if Soccer was played in summer, more space would be made available for it in the major newspapers. Don't you believe a word of it.

There is no sports editor in Melbourne who has any time whatsoever for Soccer. Some of us are tolerated, nothing more.

Peter Desira of the 'Sun' gets the best go, because the Sun is quite simply

more sports orientated than the others.

The oh so prestigious 'Age' doesn't even have a fulltime Soccer writer, but it has four or five racing writers even more VFL writers, a basketball writer, tennis writer and even a fulltime lad devoted to the VFL's poor relation the VFA whose attendances would be on a par with the fabulous two men and a dog.

And why won't the newspapers devote more space to the game? Quite simply it's because in the words of one sports editor: "the NSL has lost all credibility. Every season it seems the League format changes and you come along and tell us about the new one. People can't bother trying to keep track of it any more. Anyway,

they are wasting their time if they think there will be more space available in summer, because there won't".

Soccer attendances are not linked directly to the space allotted the game in the daily newspapers, quite simply I feel that the public is fed up to the teeth with too much Soccer that is now totally lacking star quality.

The biggest blunder occurred back in 1981, when because of good results in the World Youth Championship against Argentina and England, Sir Arthur George declared proudly that we no longer had any need to import players, we could raise our own.

Consequently, the ASF and the Immigration Department agreed to limit imports and the standard

fell away.

Oh! Of course we raise our own players and where do they play? In EUROPE, that's where.

Meanwhile here, the standard gets lower and lower . . . it's a case of "never mind the quality feel the width".

And another unfortunate by-product of the restricted import quota is the lunatic transfer-fees demanded and got for third-rate local players, most of whom would be lucky to get a kick in a stampede.

Hot on the heels of the summer madness news, came the information that the NSL Management (of should that be Mismanagement?) was considering appointing yet another person to promote the

game in Melbourne at the munificent salary of \$30,000 per annum.

When will they learn?

The people who dreamed up this little beauty would do the game a favour if they resigned.

A week ago I caught Saturday morning's 'On the Ball' programme on SBS.

The omniscient Mr Les Murray hosted a panel consisting of Eddie Thomson and Stefan Kamasz, discussing the pros and cons of summer Soccer.

Well, more pro than con of course, since all three people are for the lunatic switch. Eddie Thomson's contribution was to tell mainly of his experience playing in summer in San Antonio, Texas.

No, of course it wasn't too hot said edifying Eddie, it was just nice. It wasn't too successful though, was it Eddie? There isn't an NASL any

more, and what killed North American soccer is what is going to kill the game here . . . too much experimentation.

Until this season, I was always a fervent believer in a National League, now I'm beginning to have second thoughts. I'm starting to believe now that we would better serve and promote the game if we scrapped the NSL and went back to letting the States run the game and revive the interstate competition.

The argument has always been advanced that we can't have a strong National team without a National competition. That is erroneous. Our most successful National team qualified for the '74 World Cup, when we didn't have a National League.

Brazil doesn't have a National League either, but it doesn't do too badly, does it!

FAULKNER REASSURES FANS

BY GREG BLAKE

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS skipper JEFF FAULKNER has assured club supporters that the team isn't resigned to relegation despite falling two games clear at the foot of the ladder.

Two home defeats in as many games after the re-start to the season has left George Cross as red-hot favourite for the drop.

Faulkner concedes the task to survive is a difficult one but George Cross players "won't give up until it's mathematically impossible."

The only thing we really need is another win like the one against South Melbourne — with a point you're half way there but it's not enough," Faulkner said.

"It's been all uphill but

lots can happen in half a year.

"If you see you're going to win a game you see there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

"The last few weeks have made things a hell-of-a-lot harder for us but our new signing Gerry Clarke came to the club last week and perhaps some new life will gee us up a bit.

"They say life is tough at the top but hell it's tough at the bottom.

"All we need is a bit of luck to get the confidence

up.

"The way things are at the moment we might hit the post early in a game and the heads start to drop.

"Players start snatching at shots and clearances and the problems start."

The George Cross captain is at a loss to explain the dramatic drop in form of the club he led proudly into the Southern Division finals last season.

"Nobody at the club can understand what has happened, we're just all walking around shaking our heads," he says.

Our defence was rock solid last year and we've only lost Tyrone James since then.

"Ty was a good player but surely one person cannot make that much difference."

What makes the club's enormous slump even more perplexing is that the 1987 squad is basically the same as last season's with the addition of two of three younger players.

But has too much faith been placed in the likes of John Markovski and Paul Trimboli?

"Possibly, but Trimboli at training has been dynamite and I've always maintained that if he starts scoring he'll go all the way," Faulkner maintains.

"Markovski burst onto the scene last year but the goals he scored last year I think they expect every week."

The pressure on the Sunshine George Cross players increased as the weeks without a win went by and home games have become especially tough on the players with fans becoming worried and impatient as relegation threatens.

But Faulkner doesn't believe this adds an extra burden and is even sympathetic to the plight of the faithful fans.

"Personally it (abuse from supporters) doesn't worry me at all and like most players you can hardly hear it on the park," he explained.

"You might hear a bit of

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Start of the Sunshine revival?

Paul Trimboli after his hat-trick v South.



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GEOFF GUNNING

TIME RUNS OUT FOR GARY AND CROATIA

By FRANK COLETTA

AFTER inadvertently ending the absorbing Sydney Olympic-Sydney Croatia clash early, referee Gary Power held centre stage at the Croatian Sports Centre.

With Olympic leading 1-0 Power blew for full-time — all of two and a half minutes early (minus injury time). Then following a quick consultation with his linesmen, who both made it clear that the game had been ended prematurely.

Power had no alternative but to recall the baffled players, some of whom had already left the field, to finish the match!

Said Power: "My watch showed the 45 minutes as being up and so I said to myself 'good that's it' and I blew the whistle. But as I met up with the other officials they said that two and a half minutes remained, so we went back on."

Olympic coach Eddie Thomson couldn't quite believe it. When Power called both sides back Thomson confronted the referee to protest.

"I've never seen anything like it," he claimed. "He should have checked with his linesmen in the first instance, that is

the accepted normal procedure, isn't it?"

But it was his side's performance that caused Thommo most concern.

"This team is still too naive. We should have never given them a look in during the last quarter of an hour."

"Sydney City would have killed that game off with 20 minutes left. If you hold possession the opposition cannot attack you, it's as simple as that. Instead we went looking for more goals and could have been caught."

"What's worse is that we should have had another three goals in the second half and we didn't finish off the chances."

One chance that was finished off though came from the brilliant Vicente Estavillo.

In the eighth minute the majestic midfielder played Terry Patalis into the clear with a brilliant chipped pass. Patalis steadied and drove a shot which Anthony Franken denied well to block.

The rebound fell for Estavillo who volleyed into the back of the net via the despairing young keeper who could only get a hand on the ball.

Although Estavillo dictated terms in the middle of the park, Thomson wasn't so impressed.

"He lost the ball too much, especially in the second half. Someone like Peter Raskopoulos would have been more disciplined with possession," stated the Olympic coach.

Croatia, so desperately out of form, stumbled their way forward. Several shots were sent goalward but with no real worries for keeper Gary Meier.

On the half hour with the home side pushing for the equaliser, Ray Vlietstra, relishing his role as sweeper in Vedran Rozic's absence, moved forward for a corner and clashed heads with John Kosmina.

Both men were left worse for wear. Kosmina later sported a cut above the left eye which needed three stitches and Vlietstra also needed running repairs.

It was a tribute to both men that they continued the match, although Kosmina was replaced at half-time.

With five minutes of injury time played in the first half Croatia looked to have grabbed an equaliser when the flying scissor-kick of converted midfielder Manis Lamond hit the back of the net but Power had whistled for half-time as the ball



Vicente Estavillo taking on Sydney Croatia.

sailed towards Lamond.

The closest Croatia were to come to a goal after that was a free-kick from Zarko Odzakov that was deflected onto the post two minutes into the second half.

To add to their woes Ante Rumora was carried from the field nursing his right knee eight minutes

later.

An obviously disappointed Rozic said later, "This was our worst game this season. We hardly made any chances and we made a lot of mistakes, especially in midfield."

"A team cannot score without creating chances, it is so simple. Olympic

came here for a point and took both — it's not been a good day for us."

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken, Jennings, Rumora (Cerro 55), Vlietstra, Savor, Clinch, Jones, Clinch, Lamond, Odzakov, Arnold, Slater. **SYDNEY OLYMPIC:** Meier, Hooker, Dakos, Coady, Ratcliffe, Hanliotis, Phillips, Johnston, Estavillo, Patalis (Dragicevic 68), Kosmina (Harper 48). **CROWD:** 8262. **Referee:** G. Power (Sydney). **Yellow Cards:** Arnold (Croatia), Ratcliffe and Dakos (Olympic).

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DESERVING OF AN ENCORE

SAYS TOM MCKAIN

AFTER a sensational match at Adelaide City's Olympic Sports Field, where both teams finished with 10 men, Apia increased their lead at the top of the West End National Soccer League with the only goal of the match scored in the first minute.

But before Apia could celebrate they had to go through the agony of being recalled from the dressing-rooms after Victorian referee Dennis Voutsinas had blown the final whistle.

He had already sent off Adelaide City's Paul Wilde and Socceroo captain Charlie Yankos of Apia.

Voutsinas blew what he thought was his final blast only to be informed by home coach Zoran Matic that there was still two minutes to play plus injury time.

With spectators starting to invade the field the whistler consulted with his linesmen and called for the Apia players to return to the field.

They had been sent down the Olympic Sports Field dressing room tunnel by Rasic and as fans attempted to get at the referee.

But it took the home club's committee members and "minders" to stop fans getting to the

referee.

With City charging on a muddy pitch after two days continuous rain Apia managed to survive after the game was restarted.

Perhaps at the end of the day referee Voutsinas may have wished he had not let the game go on after inspecting the sodden pitch with his local linesmen 45 minutes before the kick-off.

"We will give it the first half and see if the players are in any danger from the conditions," he said.

As it turned out they were but not from the pitch but from each other.

Both teams ploughed into the opposition as they took up where they left off in their 2-2 draw in Sydney earlier in the season when City had led 2-0 then accused Apia of "kicking them off the pitch" to grab a point.

The Sydneysiders, under former City coach Rasic, struck in the first minute when Peter Katholos

galloped through the mud and hit a long shot which took a deflection and then hit the right hand post off home goalkeeper Willie McNally and finished in the back of the net.

Apia took to the mud much better than the National League champions and Katholos should have scored again but shot wide with only McNally to beat.

Then Peter Tredinnick shot and McNally pushed the ball against the post then watched his captain Buggy Miskohus clear the rebound off the line.

The boots and sliding tackles came fast and furious and the yellow cards came out first for Apia's Terry Butler. Adelaide's Aurelio Vidmar, Paul Shillabeer and Wilde all saw yellow as did Apia skipper Arno Bertogna and Burim Zajmi, although his was for dissent in the second half.

But Wilde was given his early shower by Voutsinas following a foul on defen-

der Mark Brown in the 86th minute.

Yankos was sent off after the restart following the referees watch failure, when he retaliated against Joe Mullen.

In City's last gasp effort Shillabeer had the ball in the back of the net but he had used his hand, and the goal was ruled illegal.

Two shots by Socceroo Charlie Villani went close but not close enough for City.

Overall Apia deserved to win because they mastered the conditions, preferring to use long balls, while City persisted in their short passing game and paid the penalty with passes going short or the ball sticking in the mud.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Miller, Tobin, Miskohus, Shillabeer, Santac, Villani, Vidmar, Wilde, Mullen, Vatsillas.

APIA: Pezzano, DeMarigny, Bertogna, Yankos, Tredinnick, M. Brown, Bundalo, (Phillips 63) Katholos (Ward 76) Butler, R. Brown, Zajmi.

CROWD: 1560. **Referee:** D. Voutsinas (Melbourne)

A minute of sleep costs Hellas

By PETER GEORGIOU

IT TOOK only one minute of slackness in South Melbourne's defence to allow Preston to snatch a point, Middle Park on Sunday, in a generally good game.

Hellas had the chance to get the two points which would've consolidated its third position on the ladder.

South were unpredictable and faceless as a team, reacting by instinct only and relying on the mood of its highly paid stars.

There was no real purpose in their game.

On the other side the had Preston, a rough opponent with no particular power to outplay Hellas but one could see that they had more purpose and they utilised it.

Within 14 minutes of kick-off they opened the score with a header by Jackson.

Hellas reacted almost instantly and only the lack of ball control by Danny Crainie and Paul Wade denied them the equaliser.

It wasn't, however, lack of control that denied Steve Blair the equaliser on the 20th minute — it was pure bad luck, as the Hellas' defender hit the cross bar twice, first with a header and then with a half volley after the rebound.

Preston, under pressure and losing control in midfield, were forced to give away a free kick 10 minutes later.

Miranda sent the ball to Charlie Egan, who headed home for the equaliser, thus reducing the huge gap in the analogy between the goals he scored this year and his lucrative sign on fees.

But it was Hellas who scored again with a brilliant move which ended with Danny Wright slamming a volley past Traianidis.

Preston's Ron Campbell had a top scoring chance in the 67th minute but blew it by shooting wide.

Preston pressed with Campbell found totally unmarked again inside the penalty area in the 76th and this time making no mistake to equalise.

As the last seconds ticked Wright was obstructed and dropped to the ground inside the penalty area. It looked a clear penalty to me but referee Mr. Rossis had another opinion.

HELLAS: Laumets, Russel, Postecoglou, Blair, McDowall, Miranda, Wade, Crainie, Egan, Wright, Stevenson (Kalogiros 73rd).

PRESTON: Traianidis, Petrov (Tasevski 68th), Piculovski, Jackson, McLennan, Stewart, Ilioski, Campbell, Dimovski, Smith, Tojevic.

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Leichhardt	14	9	5	-	23	11	23
Syd Croatia	14	8	1	5	25	14	17
Marconi	14	7	2	5	22	16	16
South Melbourne	14	6	4	4	20	18	16
Olympic	13	5	5	3	19	15	15
Preston	14	5	5	4	18	14	15
Melb Croatia	14	7	1	6	17	18	15
Adelaide City	14	4	6	4	20	13	14
St George	14	6	2	6	14	17	14
Brunswick	14	6	1	7	11	15	13
H'berg	14	3	3	8	20	26	8
Footscray	14	3	3	8	6	22	9
Sunshine	13	1	2	10	13	29	4

FOOTSCRAY 1 (W Smith) HEIDELBERG 0 at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 2864.

MARCONI 2 (Z Nasteviski, M Gibson og) ST GEORGE 1 (G Fletcher) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 2818.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (V Estavillo) SYDNEY CROATIA 0 at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 8263.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (C Egan, D Wright) drew with **PRESTON 2 (S Jackson, R Campbell)** at Middle Park. Crowd: 3000.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (P Lewis) BRUNSWICK 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 2000.

APIA-LEICHHARDT 1 (P Katholos) ADELAIDE CITY 0 at Olympic Sportsfield. Crowd: 2740.

NSL TOP SCORERS

ROD BROWN	11	LAWRIE MCKINNA	6
APIA-Leichhardt		Heidelberg	
ROBBIE SLATER	9	CHARLIE VILLANI	6
Sydney Croatia		Adelaide City	
PAUL LEWIS	8	JOHN KOSMINA	5
Melbourne Croatia		Sydney Olympic	
GRAHAM ARNOLD	7	JOE MULLEN	5
Sydney Croatia		Adelaide City	
FRANK FARINA	7	PAUL WADE	5
Marconi		South Melbourne	
RON CAMPBELL	7	IAN WALLACE	5
Preston		Melbourne Croatia	

MARCONI GET UP OFF THE FLOOR

By JOHN ECONOMOS

ST GEORGE'S unbeaten run in their last five matches came to a grinding halt last Sunday when they were beaten 2-1 by Marconi at the St George Stadium.

But Marconi had to get off the floor in the second half by pulling back two goals and thus defuse much potentially-explosive pressure off the shoulders of their coach Roberto Vieri.

Supporters had been calling for Vieri's head following only two victories in their last eight matches.

The chain-smoking Vieri (who keeps the tobacco companies thriving) reflected after the match: "I have too many injuries and have not been able to field the same team in consecutive matches this season."

Robbie Wheatley, Marconi's intelligent free-back and one of his

team's outstanding stars, commented: "For weeks now nothing has gone right for us, and it's about time our luck changed."

Wheatley, together with man-of-the-match Geoff Gunning and international flank-striker Frank Farina, was responsible for wheeling Marconi around for their win.

Marconi's captain, international defender and veteran war-horse Tony Henderson, told us: "We showed great character out there to come back and win the match."

St George deservedly hit the lead in the 34th minute with a great piece of work from centre-back, Mike O'Shea.

O'Shea, in clearing a ball, smashed a long powerful header out wide to the right flank looking for the speedy Scott Ollerenshaw.

Ollerenshaw raced down the right flank, easily beating left-back Lee Sterry before whipping in a rocketing cross to the near post. Both St George strikers, Andy Koczka and Graeme Fletcher hungrily honed in for the ball but it was Fletcher who scored.

Marconi staged a great fight back in the second half and were rewarded in the 53rd minute with a top goal.

Farina, after taking a good pass from Geoff Gunning, busted clear down the left flank. Near-

ing the penalty area he clipped a delicate cross to the far post where midfielder Zlatko Nastevski was surprisingly completely unmarked.

Nastevski calmly lined up a vicious left footed 12 metre angled drive that crashed onto the base of the left post and cannoned into the net for the equaliser.

With the match looking to end in a 1-1 draw, seven minutes from full time, disaster struck St George.

Farina streaked away down the left and veered along the by-line square to the first post. He let fly with a blast that hit sweeper Kevin Hagan on the hip, deflected onto

Gibson's leg and cannoned into the net for an own goal.

Marconi almost made it 3-1 just two minutes from "stumps" when Farina busted the defence, rounded Gibson but skied his shot from six metres wide of the target.

Stars for Marconi were Gunning, Wheatley and Farina whilst for the Saints, Pedro Ricoy stood out well with Gibson and Ollerenshaw.

ST GEORGE: Gibson: Green, O'Shea, Hagan, Grbevski: Ricoy, Lampropoulos (Hughes 61st), Potier: Ollerenshaw, Koczka, Fletcher (Caleta 80th).

MARCONI: James: Carter, Wheatley, Calderan, Sterry (Surjan): Carbone, Henderson, Nastevski, Gunning: Farina, Maxwell.

Referee: B. Upjohn.
Yellow Cards: Gunning, Carbone.
Crowd: 2,818.

MISSED PENALTY HAUNTS ALAN

HEIDELBERG's defence stalwart Alan Hunter wished he had never taken the field in Sunday's 1-0 loss to Footscray, at Schintler Reserve.

The anxious defender blasted a penalty against the woodwork to shatter Heidelberg's hopes for recovery.

Hunter's miss proved fatal since Heidelberg never recovered from the shock and surrendered to the mighty Footscray outfit 0-1.

Heidelberg's perilous slide to the foot of the championship table has caused coach John Margaritis a lot of heartache.

"It is beyond me," Margaritis lamented after the game. "We create scoring opportunity after scoring opportunity but we fail to put the ball in the net. It is incredible how unlucky we have been in recent weeks."

But while Heidelberg were pondering their future a breeze of optimism was sweeping through Footscray's dressing rooms.

Coach Dragislav Sekularic regained his hero status on Sunday, and made the best of the occasion, promising supporters: "Footscray will stave off relegation."

But in spite of their win, Footscray had some harsh words for referee Arthur Owens.

The home team felt Owens denied them a penalty in the opening quarter of the game, when Heidelberg defenders tackled Lujic from behind inside the area.

Footscray players appealed strongly for the penalty but Owens disregarded the appeals, allowing the game to flow.

Footscray supporters voiced their anger with the referee in the 21st minute, when Owens awarded Heidelberg a penalty for a silly foul by Vlatko Bozi-

novski on Stan Thodis, who made his debut with Heidelberg.

Bozinovski swept Thodis off the ground near the edge of the box and the referee pointed to the penalty spot. Hunter took the kick blasting the ball against the post.

Footscray striker Warren Spink displayed tremendous accuracy seven minutes later to score the winner.

Spink connected with a cross by defender Eddie Campbell to rocket the ball home with a powerful volley from the edge of the box.

The goal tightened Footscray's grip on the game, with the midfield trio of Vlatko Bozinovski, Ernie Tapai and Kenny Murphy constantly tearing gaps in Heidelberg's defence and Tyron James and Tom Karic marking out of the game strikers Peter Tsolakis and Laurie McKinna, respectively.

Heidelberg received the final blow in the 52 minute when striker Peter Tsolakis failed to convert their only real scoring opportunity.

The nippy striker outwitted two defenders with some clever skills but scooped the ball over the crossbar.

Footscray can afford to be optimistic about their future. With the return to the team of midfield supremo Oscar Crino and stiker Bill Lazopoulos they will regain the necessary strength to win games and avoid the dreaded relegation.

FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic, James, Campbell, Karic, Dimitrijevic, Bozinovski, Tapai, Deankovic, Murphy (Van Egmond 80), Spink, Lujic.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver, McKie (Fraser 72), Marley, Hunter, Katsakidis, Selemidis, Kanesoulis, Valentine, Thodis (Tzitzis 64), Tsolakis, McKinna.

Ref: A. Owens
Crowd: 1,864



PAUL LEWIS (left) of Melbourne Croatia gets set to tackle Brunswick's ROBBIE CULLEN.

IT JUST WASN'T MY LUCKY DAY

By LES SHORROCK

LAST week was my unlucky week, I suppose. After having enjoyed myself so much watching the George Cross v South Melbourne game, I drew the short straw and had to go to Olympic Park to cover this forgettable encounter.

If clubs continue to serve up fare like this to the public, nothing will save the League. The weather was so absolutely perfect for playing football that it made all notions of playing in summer look as absurd as they are.

All that aside, though, it was another good result for Melbourne Croatia which continues to show improvement under Peter Ollerton.

Ollerton is obviously a believer in the old adage that you don't change a

winning team, and he flirted with fate by leaving his top goalscorer, Paul Lewis on the bench, preferring to start with Alan Scott partnering Ian Wallace up front.

Juventus coach Len McKendry, having two fullbacks, Peter Lewis and Fabio Incantalupo on the injured list, gambled with Robbie Cullen at left back and Cullen didn't let him down, doing a good job of containing livewire Graham Heys.

During the first half, the grass grew a little, a helicopter made a few

passes overhead and Sydney referee Richard Lorence produced four yellow cards.

The League must have money or tickets to burn if it can afford to send Sydney referees to matches in Melbourne featuring two Melbourne teams.

By the number of yellow cards flourished by the over-zealous Lorence one would get the impression that this was a fiercely contested, physical affair.

We should be so lucky. If it had been a boxing

FORGETTABLE GAME

match, both contestants would have been disqualified for not trying.

Things brightened up a little just after half-time, when Ollerton woke up to the facts of life and sent on Paul Lewis in place of Josip Biskic.

It took Lewis just eight minutes to make an impact on the game. A cross found Juventus all confused and the ball ran to where Lewis was lurking by the far post.

He banged the ball happily past Pat Marama and in it went off the far post.

That was the end of the action for the day, except for an episode 10 minutes

from the end. An elbow smash to the face by a Juventus defender laid Lewis out cold in the penalty area.

Considering that Lewis and the offender were the only two players in the box at the time, it was nothing short of remarkable that neither the eagle-eyed Lorence or his linesman spotted the offence.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Marama, Durakovic, Brown, Belic, Yzendoorn, Cullen, Lane, Zinni, Palatsidis, McGrellis, Metaxas (Deamicis 75th).

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje, McIntosh, Dunn (Humble 75th), Hannah, Milosevic, Biskic (Lewis 47th), Scott, Wallace, Heys, Campbell, Dobson.



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LEROND THE SPUR FOR SUTHERLAND

SUTHERLAND midfielder Greg Lerond turned in one of the best performances to date to spearhead his side to a narrow but deserved victory over Newcastle at Seymour Shaw Park last Sunday.

A Robert O'Shea through ball in the ninth minute found Lerond 15 metres from goal and his fierce left foot drive beat Grills all ends up to give the locals their deserved lead.

A Robert O'Shea free kick in the 24th saw Robert Seller dive to head past Grills and the home side looked set for a big victory.

Lerond almost got on the scoresheet yet again after thumping a left foot drive which looked destined for the net until it took a deflection and just missed.

Shire's busiest player was in the thick of things close to half time as he faced Grills to place a lob which just cleared the bar.

But the visitors were far from beaten as they came out firing on all cylinders in the second half. It was a whirlwind performance from the visitors with Craig Burchmore being put under an enormous pressure to keep his net intact.

Nigel Drysdale scored with the best shot of the game with some 16 minutes to play to set up an exciting finish with the home side defending with all its might to keep the points.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, R.O'Shea, Seller, Terry, Nelson, J.O'Shea, Meades, Parsons, Lerond, Hill (Hall 80th), Caban.

NEWCASTLE: Grills, Milosevic, Roberts (McGuiness 72nd), Bowen, M.Drysdale, Tageroullias, Gresham, N.Drysdale, Cavanah, Calsley, Bland (Mountford 69th).

15: A. Reis(CG)
12: Easthorpe(WC)
11: Perinovic(IM)
10: R.Giraldi(WC)
9: Giampaolo (IM), Bottalico(RI), Batten(UP)
8: Reynolds(BC), Fernandez(IM), Jeffery(K), G.Brown, Rodriguez(ME), Calsley(N)

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MELITA's LENNY VIAL goes into a tackle.

VIAL IS A HERO TURNED VILLAIN

LENNY VIAL was Melita's hero turned villain at Melita Stadium as the home side brushed past Rockdale Ilinden 3-1.

Vial was on hand to head home Melita's second goal close to half-time which gave the home side a two goal cushion for the second period.

However, the youngster was marched by referee, Ken Small on a linesman's report in the 49th minute and with 10 men Melita struggled through the remaining 41 minutes to take the points.

Rockdale was at no stage on the back foot and fought every inch of the way pushing men forward looking for an opening.

Tony Genovese had a sitter after 21 minutes after receiving from Vlado Torteviski but his weak shot which carried past Gosling was cleared by Mark Reveley.

Ilinden was to rue this miss some 12 minutes later as Andrew Callanan strode through the middle of the park to find Ean Rodriguez who outpaced Rodas then slotted his shot from an acute angle past Tony Zic to give Melita the lead.

Two minutes later Callanan was to start yet another move in the middle of the park which bore fruit for the home team. His well weighted pass found Wayne Farnsworth in full flight. The cross by Farnsworth found Vial close to the line and his header was accurate, 2-0 to Melita.

Soon after the dismissal of Vial the visitors were through again and looked set to score. Vince

Nastoski found Tony Genovese, alas the ex-Apia striker made a mess of things as Gosling came out to cut the angle.

Callanan missed one in the 61st after facing Tony Zic before the visitors reduced the lead.

Vlado Torteviski broke through on the right hand side and with Melita's defence looking a little thin he slotted his drive past Gosling to make it 2-1.

With 28 minutes to go it was anyone's game as both sides indulged in

some tough encounters looking for another goal.

And with Rockdale committed to attack Melita countered through McFadden who found Craig Williams and the speedy fullback made no mistake to give Melita an unassailable lead.

MELITA: Gosling, Williams, Griffiths, Reveley, Robertson, Wellbourne (Farrugia 72), Rodriguez, Vial (sent off 49th), McFadden, Callanan, Farnsworth.

ROCKDALE: Zic, Boogaard, Rodas, Pilovski, J.Wilson, Torteviski, Genovese, Darlington (Nastoski 46), D.Wilson, Dounis, Markovski (Mitrevski 46).

THE THIRD DIVISION

By WES SAWINA

TAKING advantage of several washouts, Granville Chile regained outright competition leadership with an impressive 5-0 rout over the improved Canterbury and are certain semi-finalists.

Two points behind, Wests and Uni of NSW are locked in equal second and with six rounds remaining any three of seven teams could still make the final playoffs.

Concordia posted their third successive win without conceding with a tradesmen like demolition of Port Hacking by four goals.

The win was particularly impressive as Concordia took the field without Murray Barnes, who was sidelined through injury.

The match was played at a cracking pace with the defenders on both sides well on top in a scoreless first half. However, within seconds of the restart Seppeish broke the deadlock after fine solo effort.

Hacking never recovered. In form striker Dino Elismas put the game out of their reach with two flashes of brilliance before

Pastene blasted the fourth and final goal.

For Hacking, Hadley had a strong game while Parkinson and Coote where among Concordia's best.

Despite controlling much of the game Bondi Marine were unable to celebrate their 50th birthday with a win, going down 3-2 to Rooty Hill at Waverley Oval.

The reshuffled Hill lineup failed to press against a workman like Bondi 11, who belied their low standing on the competition table with a display of enterprising Soccer in difficult conditions.

Moffat deservedly gave the homeside a 34th minute lead with a cracking 28 metre drive Close replied for Hill six minutes later with an opportunist header against the run of play.

Bondi paid dearly for their failure to capitalise on earlier opportunities midway into the second half.

INTER THE STARS

INTER MONARO continued their good form by thrashing Canterbury Marickville Olympic 12-0 at Marco Polo Ground last Sunday.

The game was highlighted by five goals from Marko Perinovic and three each from Sebastian Giampaolo and Victor Fernandez junior.

It was a record smashing time for Inter Monaro. It was the club's biggest win in the State League competition and the first on record with three players scoring a hat-trick. It was also the first time an Inter Monaro player had scored five goals in a 90 minute encounter.

Perinovic is on the verge of challenging for the top scoring honours for the season after playing in only his ninth game

of the season.

He has 11 goals to his name, four fewer than Alan Reis of Canberra Griffins.

Wollongong City kept its flag high after disposing of Warringah Freshwater at the Showground last Sunday with Randell Easthorpe notching his 12th goal of the season to be second on the goalscoring charts for the year.

Canberra Griffins kept one point adrift of Wollongong with a last minute goal by Steve Bryant at Parklands but are not firing as well as they did for most of the season.

The loss of Augusto

Palacios through injury is still hampering the Griffins.

Melita Eagles struggled against Rockdale Ilinden after losing Lenny Vial at the start of the second half but managed to take the points and secure its spot in the top four.

Now is the time for Melita to show its true colours as they line up against the top teams in the competition.

A chance to surprise? Lets wait and see.

Uruguayan Penrith and Sutherland won but will have to improve if they are to keep their present position on the ladder.

CITY MARCHING ON

WOLLONGONG CITY continued its relentless march towards the title with an emphatic 2-0 win over Warringah Freshwater at the Wollongong Showground last Sunday.

The game was all but over in the first 45 minutes when Randell Easthorpe and Jeff Ainsworth scored to give the locals an unassailable lead.

Easthorpe scored his 12th goal of the season to make it 1-0 after only three minutes of the first half and the writing was on the wall.

The locals looked in control throughout this half. In fact Warwick Young had very little to do with his defence and mid-field operating to perfection to deny Warringah an

access.

After 33 minutes Radosavljevic pulled down Scott Dickson and Ainsworth made no mistake from the penalty after 33 minutes to give Wollongong its deserved 2-0 lead.

Second half of this match deteriorated into some scrappy play with neither side able to exert more than some energetic running with very little purpose in front of goal.

And while Wollongong City could be happy with the two points the visitors

showed less than required enthusiasm to worry the locals.

In the end the game ended on a sour note for the Warringah Freshwater side when Robert De Ceglie was shown the red card for kicking the ball at a linesman.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Young, Skeen, Morlando, Dickson, Hollfield, Kotamanidis, (Bundelo 83rd), Ainsworth, Giraldi, Easthorpe, Brodnik, Stefanovski.

WARRINGAH: Warren, Casachia (Cleary 83rd), Knight, Corrigan, Dean, Campbell, Driene, Porter, De Ceglie (sent off), Gillan.



RADE STEFANOVSKI.

LEAGUE TABLE

WOLLONGONG CITY	20	15	2	3	39-23	32
CANBERRA GRIFFINS	20	14	3	3	39-16	31
BLACKTOWN CITY	19	14	1	4	43-13	29
MELITA EAGLES	20	12	4	4	40-24	28
SUTHERLAND	19	7	7	6	24-26	21
ROCKDALE ILINDEN	19	8	2	9	32-23	18
NEWCASTLE	20	8	2	10	32-36	18
INTER MONARO	18	6	5	7	39-40	17
URUGUAYAN	20	7	3	10	34-36	17
KU-RING-GAI	20	5	5	10	21-29	15
FRESHWATER	20	6	2	12	19-30	14
CANTERBURY	20	4	5	11	20-49	13
MANLY WARRINGAH	18	5	2	11	14-34	12
W'GONG MACE	20	2	5	13	14-35	9

RESULTS ROUND 20

KU-RING-GAI 0 CANBERRA GRIFFINS 1 (Bryant)
INTER MONARO 12 (Perinovic 5, Giampaolo 3, Fernandez 3, Gaggetti) CANTERBURY 0
WOLLONGONG CITY 2 (Easthorpe, Ainsworth pen) WARRINGAH 0
URUGUAYAN PENRITH 3 (McKie, Batten 2) WOLLONGONG MACE 0
MELITA EAGLES 3 (Rodriguez, Vial, Williams) ROCKDALE ILINDEN 1 (Torteviski)
MANLY WARRINGAH - BLACKTOWN CITY postponed

WITH THE GOALS



Baz Giampaolo scored three goals for Inter Monaro last weekend.

ONE KICK AND YOU'RE GONE

IT WAS a heart breaking loss for Ku-Ring-Gai at Parklands as the locals held Canberra Griffins for 90 minutes only to lose a game after a quickly taken free kick by Steve Bryant.

Bryant took his free kick from the edge of the area to perfection giving Lacey no chance and the Canberra Griffins took the points.

Ku-Ring-Gai looked negative in the opening minutes but were soon to come out and match their much fancied opponents in all facets of the game.

As the game progressed Ku-Ring-Gai became too adventurous and in the end paid the penalty for it when Alan Reis broke through only to be brought down on the edge of the penalty area for the eventual free kick which decided the issue.

Tom Sermanni had a

long range shot after seven minutes which skimmed the crossbar. Then in the 18th Alan Reis had a chance which went begging.

Reis was again on the spot to flick the ball to Gonzales whose shot rolled along the goal line and was eventually cleared.

Alan Bourke was just wide in the 20th but looked set to score in the 40th when he faced the keeper but could not score from an acute angle.

Bourke tried again in the 48th but Giansca managed to parry the shot.

Noel Laurie cleared off the line in the 54th minute

then Alan Reis almost scored a few minutes later. His shot was brilliantly saved by Lacey.

At the other end Aaron Ferguson almost made it but for a late tackle which barrelled the Kuringgai player.

Dennis Ford was despondent about losing this one blasting his players for allowing Canberra to take a free kick so quickly.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Kevern (73rd Campbell), Goldsworthy, Laurie, Pepper, Sutherland, Bourke, Berry (79th Ferguson), Camburn, Jeffery, Bass.

CANBERRA GRIFFINS: Giansca, Bryant, Mazis, Suarez, Hoogendoorn, P. Reis, Dunn, Sermanni, Gardikiotis (75th Junna), A. Reis, Gonzales (75th Fernandez).

NEWCASTLE will face its toughest test to date when it welcomes the leading NSW State League club, Wollongong City at Adamstown next Saturday.

Newcastle lost against Sutherland last Sunday in a very close encounter, but showed great spirit to come back during the second half and almost snatch one point.

However, it will be a vastly different story for Newcastle in front of its own crowd at Adamstown. An anticipated return of Craig Penfold and the speed of Derek Caisley should be a worry for Wollongong City.

The return of Bob Mountford should also provide stability for the locals and a surprise home win is on the cards.

Canberra Griffins will have its hands full with

Giampaolo and Perinovic when it tackles much improved Inter Monaro and yet another surprise is on the cards.

However, Canberra might have Palacios back in the side and things could change for the ACT side.

Blacktown City will have to show much improved form if it is to beat Uruguayan Penrith at the Gabbie next Sunday.

The return of its youngsters from New Caledonia will strengthen the side and a two weeks rest should be sufficient for Les Scheinflug to celebrate with the two pointer against his old

mate Raul Blanco.

Sutherland and Melita Eagles will be involved in another nail biting encounter at Seymour Shaw with the Sharks showing its true colours last week.

But Melita is the one which needs points just that little bit more than Sutherland and that could be the telling factor in the end.

Wollongong Macedonia is to meet Rockdale Ilinden in the Macedonian derby of the round with the visitors certainly holding an edge over the locals.

Neither side has shown goalscoring skills in the

last couple of weeks so this could be the week to change it all.

Canterbury is to meet Manly at Arlington and despite that horrendous loss last week look the better side and certainly favoured to take the points.

Last but not least is the derby of the North Shore. Warringah Freshwater, after its disappointing loss to Wollongong City will meet Ku-Ring-Gai who suffered a similar fate against Canberra.

Neither side can boast exceptional goal scoring prowess and a 0-0 scoreline at Grahames Reserve is quite likely.

GOALS BY THE DOZEN

INTER MONARO made it an afternoon for the record books when they trounced Canterbury 12-0 at the Marco Polo Ground.

It was Monaro's highest score in the NSW State League. Marko Perinovic five goals, which included three from the penalty spot, would almost certainly be a record of some note, while his effort backed by three each from Sebastian Giampaolo and Vic Fernandez, is the first time three players from the club have scored hat-tricks or better in the same match.

The result left stand-in coach Walter Valeri almost speechless. "They carried on from where they left off last week when they beat Blacktown," Valeri said.

"How can you single out anyone? Marko was unstoppable, Baz was superb and Andrew Monterosso got through so much work feeding in those crosses."

The goal rush began after only three minutes when Perinovic scored from the spot after a hand ball.

Then Ambrosino sent Giampaolo a free kick on the edge of the area. He swayed, turned and struck the perfect ball past Hummell.

Four minutes later and the same combination was at it again. This time Giampaolo sprung the offside trap to take the ball past the sprawling Hummell and into the net.

Shortly before half time Monterosso flung in a

cross for Perinovic, standing on the penalty spot to head home, 4-0.

But even the 4-0 half time scoreline was no indication of the massacre that laid ahead. It began again in the 50th minute when the hard working Monterosso found Fernandez for a looping header.

Then Giampaolo waltzed into the penalty area and was promptly brought down. Perinovic blasted his kick into the net.

Fernandez got No 7 from a Giampaolo pass

but it was the eighth which showed just how much Monaro was dominating the opponent. Ambrosino sent a long ball to defender Gabriel Domazetovich who beat the offside trap and pushed the ball wide of Hummell for his fullback partner Joe Gaggiotti to put away.

But the forwards were soon on their way. Perinovic got his fourth, the third from the penalty spot. Giampaolo skinned Alex Vandarakis on his way to his hat-trick, Fer-

nandez completed his thoroughly deserved hat-trick from a Perinovic feed.

Finally it was the inimitable Giampaolo leaving Canterbury sub Con Kery lunging at air to supply Perinovic with the perfect pass to round off the carnival.

INTER MONARO: Maricic, Domazetovich, Gaggiotti (Blanch 76th), Ambrosino (Arthur 74th), Titilas, Colbertaldo, Monterosso, Panbianco, Perinovic, Fernandez, Giampaolo.

CANTERBURY: Hummell, Phillpou, Licata, Vandarakis, Antoniadis (Stamos 30th), George, Arambasic (Kery 18th), Perdomo, Giannone, Kalogeras, Borges.

State Bank SOCCER LEAGUE

THIS WEEKS MATCHES

SATURDAY 1st AUGUST STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE
Newcastle Rosebud Vs Wollongong City Adamstown Oval

2ND DIVISION
Nth Syd Artarmon Vs Queens Park Artarmon res
Avala Vs Blacktown United Knight Park No.4

3RD DIVISION
Rooty Hill Vs Moorebank Cawarra Park
Canterbury Dist Vs Concordia Blick Oval

SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE
Warringah F/water Vs Ku-ring-gai Graham Res
Canberra City Vs Inter Monaro Bruce Stadium
Cant M'ville Oly Vs Manly Warringah Arlington Oval
Wollongong Mac Vs Rockdale Ilinden Berkeley S/G
Sutherland Vs Melita Eagles Seymour Shaw Park
Blacktown City Vs Uruguayan Penrith Gabbie Stadium

2ND DIVISION
Nth Bankstown Vs Campbelltown City Potts Park
Polonia Vs Syd Maccabi Chopin Park
Fairy Meadow Vs SSC Yugal Woll Police Boys
Gladesville Hby Vs Kingsford Pioneer Park
Bathurst 75 Vs Dee Why Proctor Park

3RD DIVISION
Nth Ryde Vs King Tomislav Magdala Park
Campbelltown Vs Mt Druitt Town Bensley Rd Res
West United Vs Port Hacking Harold Read Res
Granville Chile Vs Bondi Marine Garside Park
Uni of NSW Vs Baulkham Hills Little Bay Oval

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MACEDONIA EMPTY HANDED

WOLLONGONG Macedonia came to Cook Park hoping to erase memories of recent losses and take at least one precious point from Uruguayan Penrith.

Alas, for all their effort and some entertaining football they came away empty handed after missing a number of opportunities.

At the other end it was time for 'fiesta' as John McKie scored early to give the home side the advantage. His header from close range was too strong for Milenkovski.

Uruguayan led at half time but was far from an

impressive outfit. Raul Blanco, the coach of the Penrith outfit, spared nobody as he lashed out at his players at half time and his 'pep-talk' appeared to turn his team into a more cohesive unit.

Wollongong Macedonia missed an early opening and were soon to pay for their error. Ian Hunter sent a perfect curling cross in the 53rd to give

David Batten an opportunity to head past Milenkovski and put the issue beyond doubt.

Some nine minutes later Calvar and McKie combined to set up a goal for David Batten and the game was all but over despite some 26 minutes left to play.

In the ensuing play Wollongong tried hard to get at least a consolation goal but their inept forward line never came to grips with the hard tackling O'Donnell and Krslovic with Barry Hoare in superb form in goal.

With time running out the locals looked content with the scoreline, yet another reason for the outspoken Blanco to give some of his players a tongue lashing while Peter Willis, still at the helm of Wollongong Macedonia could only watch in despair as his forwards fumbled and stumbled.

URUGUAYAN PENRITH: Hoare, O'Donnell, Thompson, Krslovic, Gonzales, Arcosa (Piriz 75th), Batten, Bradley, Hunter (Calvar 65th), McKie.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Milenkovski, Muhlbauser, Campbell, Ruskin, Sweeney, Konevski, Willis, Giraldi, Gardiner, Popovski, Kirwan.

GULLY FACING BIG JOB TO STOP ROT

THE burning question of the moment in the State League is can Green Gully stop the rot in time to catch Polonia?

BY LES SHORROCK

In only three short weeks Gully has gone from leading by a comfortable three points to being two points behind the leader in third place.

This week, leader Polonia faces hot and cold Oakleigh, possibly without leading striker Greg Warszewski. Gully has to tra-

vel to Frankston Pines, but probably the most important fixture of all, at least in final four terms, is the clash at Caulfield, where the home side meets championship dark horse Fawkner.

Caulfield needs to win this game to stay in touch with the leaders. If it loses,

it will surely drop out of contention.

Broadmeadows, which pulled off the surprise of the season when it defeated the AIS this week, faces a difficult game at improved Western Suburbs and surely is doomed to the drop.

But who will go down with Broadie?

Northcote look the favourites, but Frankston Pines, and amazingly, last year's champions, Croydon are not safe yet, either.

This week's games: with probable winners in capitals:

SATURDAY: MORWELL FALCONS v Northcote City, CAULFIELD CITY v Fawkner. SUNDAY: Frankston Pines v GREEN GULLY, WESTERN SUBURBS v Broadmeadows, BOX HILL v Croydon City, POLONIA v Oakleigh, Thomastown v Springvale City draw).



JIM SMALL challenges Maribyrnong's keeper MIKE KOSTAZEWA.

OAKLEIGH LEAVE IT LATE

TWO goals in two minutes gave Oakleigh a late 2-0 victory over struggling Box Hill.

This lacklustre game only sparked to life in the last 10 minutes when both sides realised the two points were up for grabs.

Having confined themselves to some purposeless midfield activity for the bigger part of the game, both sides made last ditch efforts to break the deadlock.

Oakleigh showed more desperation when needed and six minutes before the final whistle Jim Ross atoned for a miss in the opening half volleying into the net a

short pass by Steve Irvine.

Sixty seconds later a swirling corner by Jim Paparas eluded Box Hill keeper John McKinlay and Nick Gourlias had the simple task of putting the ball into the net for the second time.

Though the win by Oakleigh is cause for some optimism in the coming weeks, coach Robertson remains philosophical about the prospect of his team.

"I am happy to consolidate our place in the State League. Once we

have achieved that, we can work on having a real go at the title in 1988," he said.

On the loser's side, there is no doubt that the Hillmen possess the required skills and are a competitive side. Their problems however stem from their obvious lack of consistency.

OAKLEIGH: Malapanis, Laletas, Langsburry, J. Cumming, Crutzmacher, Politiw, Ross, Paparas, Dick (Goglis 83), Irvine, Gourlias. BOX HILL: McKinlay, McMillan, Roodhouse, Hird, Hennessey, Brimmer (Mori 74), Burton, MacArthur, McBride, Davidson, Campbell.

NELSON SINKS NORTHCOTE

AN OPPORTUNIST goal by that cheeky chappie Polonia's player-coach Rab Nelson swung this game in the 26th minute.

Northcote was holding its own, with Pedro Ramos and Peter Constantinou in particular causing problems, when a ball bounced high in the home side's penalty area.

Goalkeeper John Giannopoulos and defender

Jim Small both had ample time to clear, but they dithered and whilst they dithered, Nelson nipped in between them and his header scraped in off the underside of the crossbar.

Northcote never recovered from the setback. Nelson also had a hand in the second goal.

He neatly intercepted a pass by Ramos and sent a beautifully weighted ball into Peter Czapnik's path. The striker was in full cry for goal when George Kouremenos pushed him over in the penalty area.

Kees Storm converted the resulting spot-kick with his usual deadly accuracy. Polonia had done its job, just as a league leader should, shrugging off the early loss of Greg Warszewski without missing a beat.

Warszawski apparently has a pulled muscle and could miss playing against Oakleigh.

Nelson has Polonia ticking over nicely, and it is going to be hard to beat for the title. It does its job of just winning its games with clinical efficiency. One of

its unsung heroes is Brendan Lakic who has taken over at left back and released Nelson to provide drive from midfield, as he used to with Sunshine City and North Dandenong.

Lakic snuffed out Pedro Ramos just when the midfielder was beginning to look troublesome.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos, Bekiaris, Leonardos, Patiniotis, Kouremenos, Small, (Espagnonn 81st), Ramos, Bozikis, Temos (Tsangas 70th), Giannopoulos.

POLONIA: Kostazewa, Liplarski, Smolarek, Bennett, Kotzichalis, Lakic, Nelson, Czapnik, Wycislik, Warszawski (Baran 10th, Flavell 58th).

BROADSIDE BLASTS AIS

BY LES SHORROCK

IT HAD to happen sometime, of course, but who could have imagined that the AIS boys, having defied the best efforts of all the State League teams for 20 weeks, would lose their unbeaten record to relegation-bound Broadmeadows?

However, without taking anything away from a spirited Broadmeadows effort, it has to be said that the backbone of the AIS was in New Caledonia.

The AIS had to manage without John Koch, Alex Cumming, Alistair Edwards, and David Healy.

AIS coach Ron Smith, without belittling Broadie's effort in any way, said: "If ever we were going to lose, today had to be the day. Apart from missing Cummings, Koch, Edwards and Healy, we also

had to introduce Mills and Welsh, who haven't played for a while and we certainly lacked cohesion."

In a game of few chances, Broadmeadows made the most of their opportunities in the second half. Eight minutes after the break, Terry Nolan brought the game to life when he wriggled his way past two defenders and let fly with a magnificent drive that Gunning hardly saw.

Then, 13 minutes from the end, it was Nolan again who was the cause of the

AIS' undoing. He had worked his way into the penalty area, when he was fouled, and took the spot-kick himself successfully.

The thought remains, if Broadie had shown the same commitment earlier, would it still be in the same predicament it finds itself in now?

BROADMEADOWS: Ereumer, Smart, D. Blair, Higham, Donaldson, Vizzini, S. Blair, T. Ciantar, Nolan, Kadlecik, J. Ciantar.

AIS: Gunning, Gibson, Mills, C. Foster, Riddell, P. Foster, Clarkson, Nicolaou, Marcino, Welsh, Pollack.

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TOP four contenders St. Albans and Caulfield City played an exciting 1-1 draw at St. Albans Reserve.

This action-packed encounter saw the home team holding on grimly to an early goal by Dennis Morovic until the 81st minute when Filipou found the gap to slot home the equaliser.

St. Albans got off to a dream start and looked certain winners. Morovic netted a spectacular header after 23 minutes from an Ivan Duzel pinpoint cross.

But the home team ex-

perienced tremendous difficulties matching the speed of Caulfield City who never lost heart in pursuit of the equaliser.

The goal arrived nine minutes from fulltime when experienced midfielder Pepe Abraam mounting a counter attack split the defence.

Pepe's precision pass found Filipou on the run and he steered the ball past Grgic into the net.

The closing minutes of

the game proved extremely trying for St. Albans as Caulfield increased the pressure in a bid for full points.

Abraam was very unlucky in the dying seconds when his piledriver from close range rattled the crossbar, for the scoreline to remain unchanged.

Caulfield coach Takis Sviggos praised his boys for their efforts and accepted the point gra-

ciously.

"On a very difficult ground I felt we were the better side and deserved to win," said Sviggos.

"I am happy however with one point because St. Albans are a top side."

ST ALBANS: Grgic, Runje, Dragovic, Krajacic, M.Culina, Batinovic, B.Culina (Kelic 80), Rastocic, Kuzman, Morovic, Duzel (Gagula 80). **CAULFIELD CITY:** Madjer, Filipou, Michael (Sahinidis 56), Harris, Koutos, Theoharous, Hamakiotis, Griffin, Deligiannis (Bitsonis 46) Pappas, Abraam.



PEDRO RAMOS (dark shirt) takes on RAB CULLEN.

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GULLY FALTER AGAIN

BY LES SHORROCK

GREEN GULLY squandered another golden point at home, and dropped a place in the table to boot.

The question now has to be asked, can this team, with all its talent take the title, or indeed is it entitled any more to the championship favouritism it earned as the relegated NSL team?

It is in its favour that from now on the only team it meets with any final four pretensions is Caulfield City, whilst Polonia still has to face St Albans, Fawkner and Caulfield City.

However, no matter who the opposition has to face, it's still up to the Gully to win its remaining mat-

ches, and as coach Gus MacLeod ruefully admits, at the moment, that is precisely what it is not doing.

"It's something that it's hard to put your finger on," he said. "I suppose you would have to put it down to poor finishing. We are creating the opportunities, heaps of them, but we aren't putting the ball in the back of the net. And on top of that, we are prone to giving away the odd silly goal."

It was the same old story last week. Gully created opportunities galore, but in the end it was down to

veteran Tommy Cumming to open the scoring on the half hour after Pat McCluskey had cleverly created the opening. McCluskey, a former Glasgow Celtic captain, is going to be worth his weight in gold to Gully in the remaining eight weeks of the campaign.

Despite this reverse, Thomastown soldiered on, with Russell Athersych and Bobby McGuinness doing sterling work, and fittingly enough, it was Athersych who did the spadework for 'Town's equaliser, drawing the de-

fence and slipping the ball to ex-Croatia star Victor Cristaldo who whipped it past Lou Denys.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Grimaud, Douglas, McCluskey, McClelland, Cannell, Carter, Ward (O'Donnell 75th), Zemunik (Quigley 75th), Cumming, Sweeney. **THOMASTOWN:** Raponi, Jankulovic, Constantinou, Pinalto, Cristaldo, Carfora, McMillan, Athersych, McGuinness, Coyle, Arco-raci.

The Victorian State League is continued by Carlo del Porto and Les Shorrock on page 14 ➔

STATE LEAGUE

AS AT JULY 26

FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Maribyrnong.....	20	12	5	3	34	22	29
Fawkner.....	20	11	5	4	31	19	27
Green Gully.....	20	9	9	2	28	18	27
St. Albans.....	20	10	6	4	28	20	26
Caulfield City.....	20	8	8	4	30	19	24
Western Suburbs.....	20	8	3	9	29	29	19
Thomastown.....	19	6	7	6	21	26	19
Oakleigh.....	19	8	2	9	29	28	18
Morwell Falcons.....	20	5	8	7	21	21	18
Box Hill.....	20	5	7	8	22	21	17
Springvale City.....	19	5	7	7	22	24	17
Frankston Pines.....	20	6	4	10	27	35	16
Croydon City.....	20	3	10	7	17	25	16
Northcote City.....	19	5	3	11	17	36	13
Broadmeadows.....	19	3	2	14	17	34	8

STATE LEAGUE RESULTS

BROADMEADOWS 2 (Nolan 2) AIS 0, CROYDON CITY 1 (Redmond) WESTERN SUBURNS 3 (Hamill, Pierce, Tuck), Fawkner 2 (Tuffield, Brown) FRANKSTON PINES 1 (Armstrong), GREEN GULLY 1 (Cumming) Thomastown 1 (Cristaldo), NORTHCOTE CITY 0 POLONIA 2 (Nelson, Storm), Oakleigh 2 (Ross, Gourlias) BOX HILL 0, SPRINGVALE CITY 1 (Williams) MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Stirton), ST ALBANS 1 (Morovic) CAULFIELD CITY 1 (Filipou)

VICTORIAN FIXTURES

VIC STATE LEAGUE SATURDAY AUGUST 1st RD 22

Morwell Falcons v Northcote City, Frankston Pines v Green Gully, Caulfield City v Fawkner.

VIC STATE LEAGUE SUNDAY AUGUST 2nd

Western Suburbs v Broadmeadows, AIS v St Albans, Box Hill v Croydon City, Maribyrnong v Oakleigh, Thomastown v Springvale City.

VIC LEAGUE DIV 1 SATURDAY AUGUST 1st RD 19

Nunawading City v Sm Mordialloc, Altona gate v Werribee, Essendon City v Bulleen, Doncaster Rovers v North Dandenong, Melbourne v Knox City.

SUNDAY AUGUST 2nd

Richmond v Albion Rovers, Ringwood City v Sunbury United.

VIC LEAGUE DIV 2

SATURDAY AUGUST 1st RD 19

Mornington v North Geelong, Doveton v Prahran City, Mooroolbark v Ringwood United, Altona City v Sandringham, Eltham v Hamlyn Rangers, Clifton Hill v Dandenong City, Westgate v Waverley City.

VIC LEAGUE DIV 3

SATURDAY AUGUST 1st RD 19

Rosanna v Springvale United, Corio-Geelong United v Yarraville, Geelong v West Brunswick, Moreland Park Rangers v Yallourn, Clarinda v Fernree Gully, Port Melbourne v Bell Park, Moorabbin City v Keilor.

VIC LEAGUE DIV 4

SATURDAY AUGUST 1st RD 19

Lalor United v Prahran, Langwarrin v Williamstown, Keysborough v Pascoe Vale, Coburg v Seaford, Holland Park v East Brunswick, Diamond Valley Utd v Karingal United, Hawthorn v Boronia.

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VALE OVERCOME THE ODDS

THIS WAS another sterling effort by beleaguered Springvale City, stricken as the club is by suspensions, defections and a long injury list.

Springvale, in fact had so many first team players unavailable on Sunday that a staunch fan, turning up 10 minutes late, took his first look at the game, and thought,

'thank goodness I'm not too late for the kick-off, the reserves are still playing!'

They weren't, of course, only seven of them were there, plus

four regulars.

Morwell dominated the first half, and only a brilliant save by Dennis Boland from Ian Stirton kept it from taking an early lead.



Springvale's
KEVIN SWINSCOE

It was a different story in the second half however, with 'Vale's youngsters growing in confidence all the time.

The game looked destined for a certain 0-0 draw, until Stirton took a hand in the 55th minute. He caught Paul Rolleman napping for once, shook off a tackle by Darryl Roberts and his shot squirmed under Boland's body.

It was a big setback, but Springvale, to its credit refused to lie down.

Jim Williams, who had played a dominant part in defence as usual, took matters into his own hands with a long brilliant individual run.

With Graham Tutill running with him and drawing the defence, Williams, instead of passing, elected to shoot and let loose with a piledriver from well outside the box that gave the Falcons'

goalkeeper no chance.

Springvale coach Bobby McLachlan says the goal has to be classed as the club's goal of the year, if not of the decade.

Some relief is in sight for McLachlan, however.

Although Bob Morrey and Robert Stewart still have another week's suspension to serve, he is

hopeful of having Bissinger and Hobson back this week, and Kevin Swinscoe could be back from overseas in two weeks.

SPRINGVALE: Boland, Rolleman, Kral, Williams, Roberts, Bannon, Black, Garvey, Hennessey, House, Secl.

MORWELL FALCONS: Prezioso, Bingham (M Cassar 75th), Doyle, Tutill, Colocicello, Webster, O'Callaghan, E Cassar, A Cassar, Stirton, Bezzina.

PINES DOWN FOR COUNT

FAWKNER continued their winning streak with a 2-1 win over inconsistent Fankston Pines.

A series of near misses by Frankston forced them to concede their 10th defeat of the season and extend their stay at the foot of the championship table.

In stark contrast Fawkn displayed tremendous accuracy throughout the game to emerge worthy winners.

Ian Tuffield led Fawkn to their winning dance after four minutes burying the ball in the net from a swirling corner keeper Branko Radov failed to control.

Pines showed character in the remainder of the opening half and managed to grab the equaliser in the 35th minute when Richie Armstrong cannoned the ball into the net to the delight of his team-mates.

Sharing the points would have been a fair reward for both sides. But Fawkn striker Doug Brown had other ideas.

The former South Mel-

bourne and Heidelberg United striker broke the deadlock with a blistering shot away from the reach of Radov.

Pines coach Danny McMinimee told ASW after the game, his team paid the penalty for failing to capitalise on the scoring chances.

'We're playing to our capacity and I have no doubt we were the better team,' he said. 'Once again we were hampered by the same problem — our inability to push the ball in the net.'

'Smith missed two golden opportunities and Branko Radov must be held partly responsible for Fawkn's first goal. Of course I am upset with the result and our team effort today.'

FAWKNER: Wilson, Walsh, Bordignon, Fattore, Schippiano, Chiavelli, Palinkas, Tuffield, Stenson, Brown, Cozzella.

FRANKSTON: Radov, Bozic, McDonough, Riley, Thurlow, Ferris, Miller (Bentley 80), Watson, Armstrong, Smith (Buchanan 72).

WESTS ON THE RISE

WESTERN SUBURBS easily accounted for a disappointing Croydon City 3-1 to notch their fourth victory in as many weeks.

It was a tremendous feat for Western Suburbs, who four weeks ago were staring at relegation with some concern.

The transformation of Suburbs to a winning side in recent weeks is due partly to the arrival of former Sunshine George Cross striker Andy Edwards.

As President Sam Kalioglou put it after the game: 'Edwards has been an inspiration to the rest of the side and his understanding with Darren Tuck has increased the effectiveness of the forward line.'

Suburbs dominated the game from the word go and their lead appeared a matter of time.

The Westerners struck first after 18 minutes when Pierce slotted home a loose ball in a goalmouth scramble.

Ten minutes later Edwards mounted a solo

attack from halfway and his low drive found the roving Tuck, who smartly piloted home the ball.

Suburbs consolidated their position in the 55th minute when defender Billy Hamill successfully completed a tremendous exhibition of skills and lethal finishing. Hamill dribbled two opponents and struck a scorching shot to grab a great goal.

A late consolation goal to Tony Redmond did very little to enthuse Croydon's supporters.

In fact, Croydon have scored 17 goals in 20 games. This statistic highlights the problem they are facing this season.

CROYDON: Waterman, O'Shea, Tansey, Back, O'Reilly, Beech, Livingstone, Redmond, French, Brogan, Van Egmond, Russell.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Kardamitsis, McLeod, Hamill, Dimovski, Esposito, Cullen, Stefanidis, Pearce, Tuck, Edwards, Minh (Kotsanis 74).

ARNOLD — NEW NZFA SECRETARY



JOHN ARNOLD, of Auckland, has been appointed as the New Zealand Football Association's secretary.

One of New Zealand Soccer's most experienced administrators, Arnold has been the association's acting secretary since the resignation of secretary-general Gwyn Evans in May.

In a Soccer administration career covering almost 30 years, Arnold has been an Auckland Control Board member for seven years and was an NZFA Councillor for 12 years until March.

He was chairman of the 1978 Oceania Youth Tournament and led New Zealand team tours to the UK (1979), Argentina (1981) and Singapore (1984).

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

BACK for a visit to his 'home' town of Adelaide, Charlie Perkins, an ASF vice-president, brought up the subject of interstate matches.

Having already played against NSW, he is keen to see the Australian Capital Territory in a round robin series, and got an immediate 'yes' from SA Federation chairman Mr Alex Cichanowski.

A former star with Adelaide Croatia and the SA State team, Perkins is part of SA Soccer folklore, and will be backed in whatever venture he launches.

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WE may be jumping the gun.

But we do know that Adelaide Hellas has sent off papers to an overseas player, and if he likes the look of the contract he will be here before the end of the State League season, and be able to play as SA allows overseas signings after the June 30 deadline.

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POOLS punters must be thanking SA State League club Cumberland for any dividends that have come their way and possibly future ones.

After 17 league rounds The Foxes have produced eight draws!

There was a rest for Cup games last weekend, but get on them for the remaining five league rounds this season.

■ ■ ■

WATCH for the name Ernie Briscoe in the NSL next season.

The 19-year-old brother of SA State league player Alby Briscoe, he arrived in Adelaide six weeks ago from Sheffield Wednesday to play for Birkalla.

A striker, he has quickly made a name for himself and is being tipped to join Adelaide City, or SA's possible other NSL team.

WITH the rash of yellow cards and players being ordered off and suspended, it is refreshing to note the record of the oldest player in the West End National League.

Adelaide City captain Buggy Nyskohus, 37, has never been booked in a league match — and has played in over 600!

And all his Soccer life he has played in defence.

Only two clubs have had his services SA's Lion and Adelaide City (Juventus when he made his first move).

And 66 games for the SA State team and five for the Socceroos and it is not hard to understand that he is an SA Soccer legend in his own time.

■ ■ ■

WE'VE been predicting that Adelaide City ironman Brian Northcote would be back on the field before the end of the season after being out of action since April last year with an achilles tendon injury which required an operation.

Then he announced that because of work he could not devote the time for NSL training, and would quit but continue this year to play for City's reserves in the SA State League Second Division.

But then City was hit with a suspension for Lemmy Vatsilas, and Andy Toland was injured in Second Division.

Northcote 'came out of retirement' to sit on the bench a fortnight ago against Footscray, and started to warm up when Joe Mullen was injured.

As the familiar muscular figure started to sprint up and down the sideline the City fans started to chant 'Brian! Brian!'

But the equally tough Mullen got to his feet, and that long-awaited comeback did not materialise as Northcote returned to the bench.

But we're betting the rugged midfielder will be back on the park for a farewell appearance, even if it is only a brief one.

OCEANIA CONGRESS HELD IN AUCKLAND



Members of the Oceania executive met in Auckland recently where Josephine King (fifth from left) was appointed secretary of the Confederation. King, the daughter of Oceania president Charlie Dempsey (third of left), is the first woman to become secretary of a FIFA confederation. She had been acting secretary since last December. Ian Brusasco (Aust) is fourth from the right and Vic Tuting second from right.



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On page 7 LES SHORROCK examines the Summer Soccer question and he doesn't mince words!

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From FRANK SCICLUNA

'A REFEREE'S LOT IS NOT A HAPPY ONE'

THE multitude of problems faced by the round ball code in this country have been many and varied but slowly, at times agonisingly so, they are gradually being overcome.

Playing standards are improving all the time, local quality players are consistently being produced and occasionally even exported overseas, and the advent of a long overdue National League forced a higher degree of professionalism in club administration and spectator facilities.

While nowhere near good enough yet, are vastly superior to what we had twenty years ago.

One aspect of Soccer that has not kept pace with this progress however has been the general standard of refereeing, not only has it failed to go forward, it often seems that if anything, it is rapidly deteriorating.

A multitude of theories have been advanced as to why this has happened, but unless the situation is reversed soon the game will suffer enormous harm.

Leading coach John Margaritis did not mince words when he stated on SBS television after a recent match that referees are killing the game in this country.

What made that comment so ominous was the fact that Margaritis was talking about the performance of one of our most senior referees.

Unfortunately those sort of remarks are becoming more and more prevalent from players and coaches frustrated by the incompetence of match officials at most of our matches.

Clubs spend hundreds of thousands of dollars in their quest for success,



JIM REEVES

players work tirelessly for the months of the year with their coaches to do likewise, only to see all the effort going to waste because of a sub standard performance by one man.

A referee's job is unquestionably a difficult one which carries huge responsibilities and in the majority of cases that job is performed honestly and to the best of their ability, the crucial fact however is that generally, their ability is simply not good enough.

Answer

The question therefore must arise as to how the overall standard of refereeing in this country can be improved.

A number of remedies can be considered which in time may produce the desired effect, the most obvious one would be to invite leading referees from overseas for short

visits in the same way that players have come out to make guest appearances for various clubs.

Quite apart from the theoretical seminars that could be held with our leading referees, there would be no reason why competition matches could not be controlled by these visitors.

Nobody can argue with the fact that imported players and coaches have helped to lift our playing standards over the years, world class referees must surely do likewise.

Another possibility would be to send promising young referees overseas for a short period of time in order to gain experience.

At the end of each season we regularly select the player of the year, coach of the year, top goalscorer and so on.

Why not reward a young referee that shows potential with an overseas trip to further his education.

The honour for referee of the year is often given to someone nearing the end of his career and no purpose will be served by assisting in his development, therefore a young referee of the year award will need to be introduced.

Soccer has been faced with the problem of inexperienced and downright incompetent referees for far too long, the time has come to recognise this fact and institute a programme for their development before any further damage to the game's credibility is done.

READERS OPINIONS

A selection of readers' viewpoints on the SUMMER SOCCER debate.

PREPOSTEROUS!

TO chronicle all the absurdities inherent in the idea of summer Soccer would take many more words than the 150 that you allot.

Leaving aside the well documented, obvious arguments articulated by Rale Rasic and others I put forward these pertinent observations.

To whom will be given the authority to designate those months in which it will be too inclement for our game to be played?

Do we pause in June, July or August to await the thaw, and blessed release from winter's icy grip?

And what will your traditional middle-aged supporters (to whom winter weekends ARE football) do during this hiatus?

He'll go to the rugby, that's what he'll do — and probably become an aficionado of THAT code, or even of that odd game they play in Melbourne in which players are awarded points for kicking behinds!

It has been said that by playing in the summer (mad dogs and Englishmen, etc) our great game will be spared competition with the oblong ball codes of football; but what of the competition afford by tennis, cricket, swimming, bowls, the beach...?

Play at night under the lights, tis said. But what of the not inconsiderable competition afforded by TV?

Your average fan will make a special effort to watch a touring Liverpool or Luton but, every week? — travelling 20 miles to a ground with lights...?

Of all the ideas postulated to foster our game summer Soccer is the most preposterous.

John Plater,
Croydon Vic. 3136.

NO SCARVES?

AFTER reading the Australian Soccer Weekly last week, I was quite surprised to see that I am not the only one to disagree with "Summer Soccer".

In my opinion, Soccer always was and always will be (I hope) played in the winter.

After all, what are we going to do with all our favourite teams scarves??

Somehow I cannot see myself in a pair of shorts, t-shirt, thongs and a woolen, knitted scarf. Let me just say this, leave summer to the surfers.

Crowds make the game, as was stated in last week's Australian Soccer Weekly — where would Soccer be without them?

There is the problem with money, insufficient lightning etc, but that is not our (the fans) problem. The only problem we would be faced with is trying to adapt!

Confused Soccer Fan,
Brisbane, Qld.
(Name and address supplied)

RESEARCH

I AM all for summer Soccer but I believe a research should be conducted.

We must determine

whether or not we will get the media coverage we want, even having to compete against other leading summer sports such as tennis and cricket.

We must assess whether we will or not get the actual increase in crowd attendances at NSL games during summer Soccer. We must also assess the financial costs that clubs will face (eg. floodlights etc.)

As I see the issue the only way to determine if summer Soccer is successful or not is to put it into practice at a reasonable cost.

I believe two rounds of NSL Soccer for championship points should be played in mid January before the respective Ampol Cup competitions get under way in the various states, then restarting the NSL season again as normal at the completion of the Ampol Cup competition.

Nicholas Mitropoulos,
South Melbourne.

FAMILY AND FOOTBALL

AS the wife of a Soccer playing husband and a mother, I would just like to indicate to you and your fellow associates how selfish you all are in deciding to start the NSL season more early next season.

You have not even considered the family environment of many of your players or coaches. Unlike the football and cricket season, Soccer is becoming a full year occupation. At least with other sports they do break for a rest.

My daughters rarely see their father now because of training and playing commitments and our weekends are very few spent together as a family.

Starting your season early you are now even cutting into the children's summer school holidays, which at present is the only time of year we get to go away as a family without having to rush back for Soccer commitments.

Like myself I know of a number of Soccer families

who feel the way I do. In one or two years time you are going to be pondering the question of why so many of your Soccer players, coaches and officials are burning out and why so many of them are getting divorces.

My answer to this is your selfish Federation, which is more concerned about making a profit instead of allowing men to spend time with their wives and families in the off season without having to feel the pressure of missing training sessions and games to do so.

Soccer Widow of the Present Divorcee of the Future.
Preston Vic.

RISE UP

I BELIEVE in NSL summer Soccer because:

a) Senior Soccer has been played for 107 years and has achieved FRUSTRATION and NEGATIVITY

b) There are no similar rival sporting bodies (ie. state league Soccer, NBL other codes)

c) There is a domestic void in summer not filled by tennis and cricket (make publicity — Tom McKain to check Brisbane Bullets methods, they work).

It will not realise its full potential unless

a) The ASF rises up and starts promoting Soccer by:

1. Marketing players (ie. unless they are Maradonas they should be young with Australian accents).

2. Distributing badges to Junior players and posters to clubs with slogans like play and support Soccer — the world football.

b) The club base is broadened to include more regional clubs achieved by combining some ethnic ones. (ie South Melbourne/Heidelberg, APIA/Marconi, Sydney Olympic/St George).

c) A full feasibility study is instigated first (Rale Rasic 15th July 1987) particularly into spectator accommodation.

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WRITES ALAN VEST

ENTERTAINING, attacking football is something that is often talked about. Spectators love to see goals, goal attempts and dribbling and spectacular skills in and around the penalty area.

Many ideas to improve this area have been tried and talked about. Three points for a win and other innovative moves, and it seems that countries all over the world are after a solution to brighter Soccer.

Norway are trying the system of no draws in their league season, with penalty shoot-outs for a drawn game and Italy are also introducing a similar system into their Cup competition.

One thing is for sure, everyone is concerned about encouraging more

goal scoring and better attacking play.

A few years ago in the midland floodlit league in England they tried ten points for a win and an extra point for each goal.

Whatever they system though it is evident something needs to be done to brighten up the game to attract more spectators.

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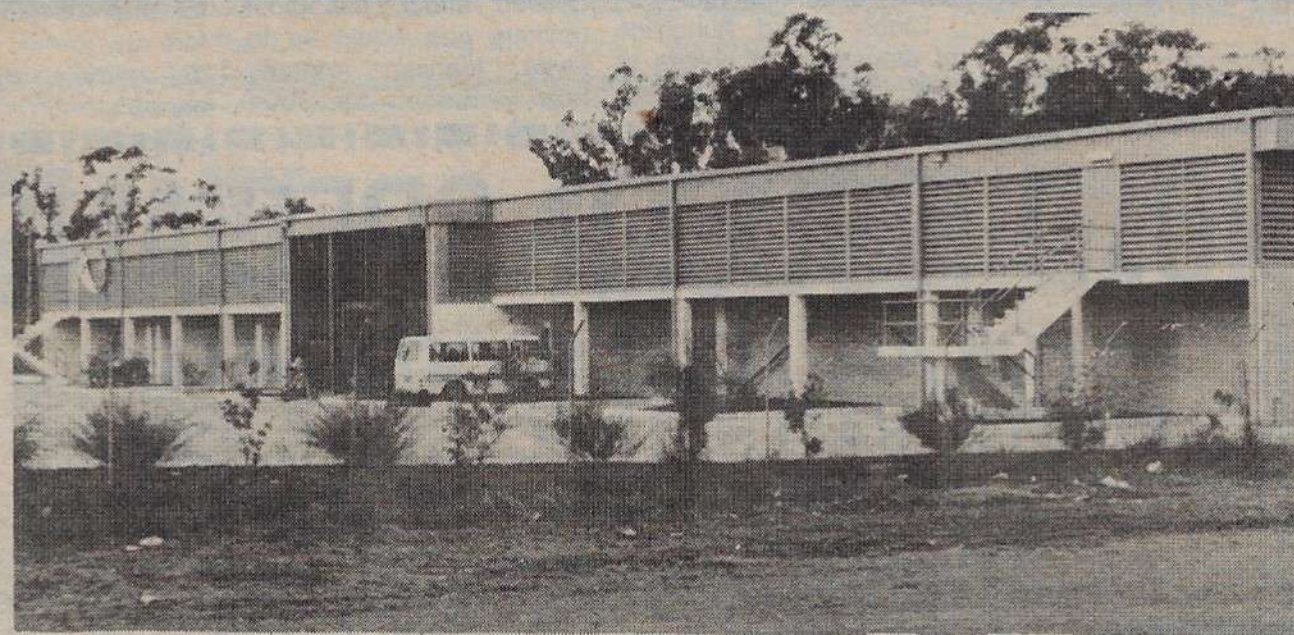


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The Fairfield Indoor Soccer Stadiums Complex is situated in the south western Sydney suburb of Bonnyrigg, at the corner of Smithfield and Edensor Roads, and opened in November 1985.

The complex consists of three 30m x 20m courts, and was designed and built specifically for Indoor Soccer.

The original idea was the brainchild of Eddie Williams and Doug Urquhart who, along with a third partner Jack Campbell, run the centre.

Eddie is from North London and is a staunch Arsenal supporter. Doug is from Edinburgh and is a Hearts fan. Jack is a fanatical Rangers supporter and is from Glasgow.

All three still currently still play Indoor Soccer.

The Centre also caters for indoor netball, which is played on two of the Soccer courts and is run completely on outdoor netball rules. Other features include a sauna and spa.

Netball is a fast growing sport within the centre and there are now over 50 teams competing in the competitions.

The predominant sport without the centre, however, is still Soccer with over 130 teams from mainly the Liverpool-Fairfield area, but with some teams travelling from as far afield as the Northern Beaches and Eastern Suburbs.

Currently nine local schools utilize the facilities for Indoor Soccer and aerobics.

The schools involved are both high schools and public schools, government and private, and both boys and girls participate in Indoor Soccer.

Fairfield, being the most multi-cultural municipality in Australia, has led to people from over 50 nationalities playing within the complex.

Apart from the home bred Aussies, the most predominant ethnic groups playing within the centre, would be British, Italian, Yugoslav and a large contingent of South Americans.

Fairfield Indoor Stadiums field teams in the five categories of the inter-centre competition which has teams participating from centres in Campbelltown, Newcastle, St Marys, Guildford, as well as Fairfield.

The five categories are: A grade, B grade, over 35's, under 19's and ladies and Fairfield are currently Club Champions.

The A grade side, who won the last competition, is captained by Peter Sharpe, the well known ex-Australian Soccer player.

Eddie, Doug and Jack all feel that Indoor Soccer is only in its infancy in Australia and that, with the correct promotion, it could develop into a major all year round sport.

Fairfield Indoor Soccer Complex, being the biggest of its kind in Australia, intends to be at the forefront of the Indoor Soccer boom.

YOUNG SOCCEROO ON THE JOB

From Kevin Best

EVERY boy's ambition is to play for his country in his chosen sport. Soccer, with its multitude of youngsters, is no exception. Probably, because of this number of players playing the game, the dream may be remote.

Central Coast Soccer is no different to anywhere else in Australia. It has age graded youth teams playing in the highest standard possible — an avenue to exploit any potential. The road to stardom is normally slow. Few rarely reach the ultimate.

One such Central Coast junior has the world at his feet. Darren Northam, now a permanent member of the Australian Youth Squad, travels to Chile this October for the World Youth Tournament.

This year will be the fourth tournament in succession that Australia has qualified — a feat that no other country can boast. Because of this achievement, Australia is now rated 13th in the world at youth level and will undoubtedly improve their position if they perform well at Chile.

The high rating is clearly illustrated when comparing the teams that rate behind Australia. The first teams in the World are: 1. Brazil, 2. Uruguay, 3. Argentina, 4. USSR, 5. Mexico, 6. Spain, 7. Poland, 8. Korea, 9. Germany FR, 10. Paraguay, 11. Nigeria, 12. Romania, 13. Australia, 14. Hungary, 15. England, 16. Qatar, 17. China, 18. Honduras, 19. Bulgaria, 20. Scotland, 21. Czechoslovakia, 22. Holland, 23. Egypt, 24. Portugal, 25. Algeria.

Northam will achieve an important goal in October. His development has been gradual, but his stint at the Australian Institute of Sport was the springboard. His next goal will be play for the senior Australian side.

Northam has made a wise decision in playing for Blacktown City this season under the expert guidance of Les Scheinflug, probably the best coach of youth players in Australia and probably the best person to guide Northam through, the next few years.

Scheinflug is also Coach of the National Youth Squad.

Northam's success to date has not been without sacrifice but to anyone who enjoys doing what they excel at, a strenuous training programme is a pleasure.



DARREN NORTHAM... youth international.

A typical week is:

Monday	5-6 kilometre run	(½ hour)
	Gym and weight training	(1 hour)
Tuesday	Ballwork in the morning	(1½ hours)
	Training 6-8pm	(2 hours)
	Travelling	(2 hours)
Wednesday	5-6 kilometre run	(½ hour)
	Training 6-8pm	(2 hours)
	Travelling	(2 hours)
Thursday	Ball work at night	(1½ hours)
Friday	Training 6-8pm	(2 hours)
	Travelling	(2 hours)
Saturday	Free	
Sunday	GAME	

In the next few years the Soccer fraternity on the Central Coast will know whether Northam will achieve his second goal. We all wish him the very best.

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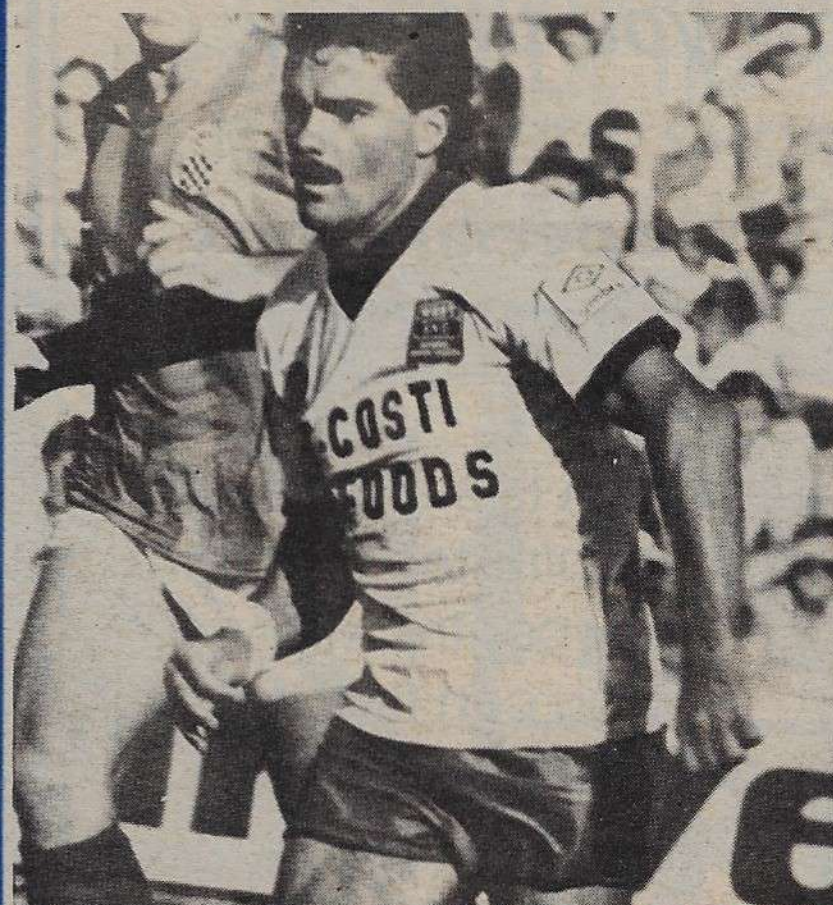
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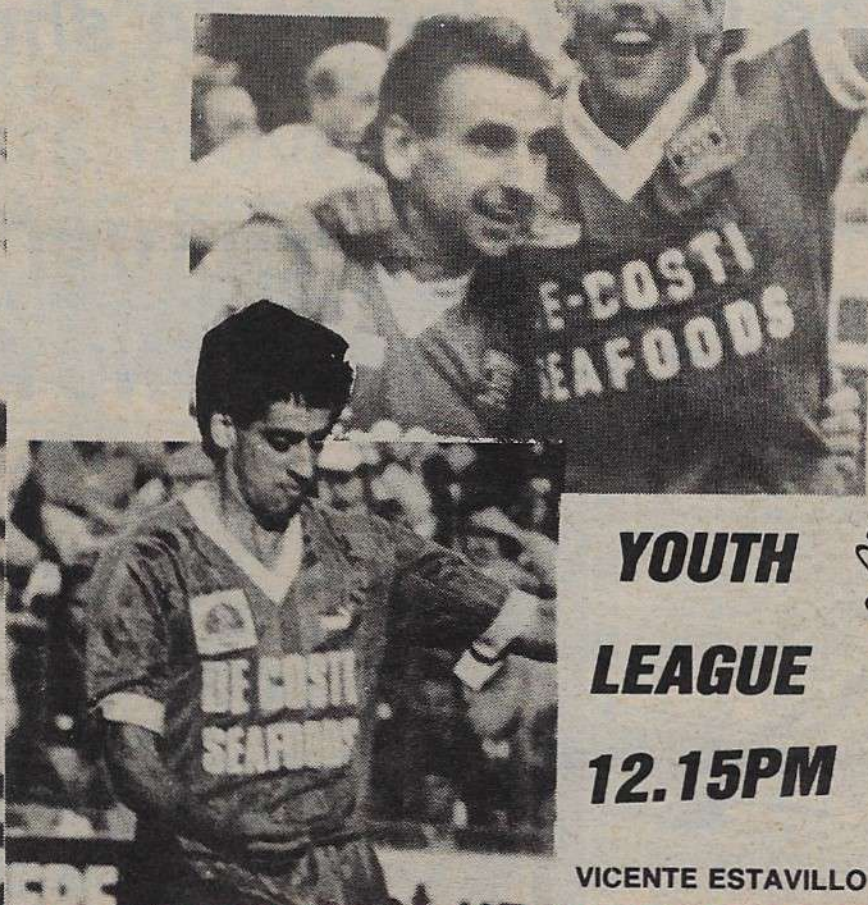
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FRANK AROK'S FLAIR IN FITNESS, MOTIVATION

YOUTH versus experience! Frank Arok and Les Scheinflug this year backed their belief in youth.

Both have had to suffer the inconsistency and instability of youth while savouring its energy and excitement.

For Les Scheinflug the sweetness of youth has turned somewhat sour, while Frank Arok, fortunate to be able to spice his youthful team with two seasoned players Kevin Hagan and Steve O'Connor is now on a surge.

Wollongong Wolves has moved to the top of the NSW State league following Blacktown City's defeat by lowly placed Inter Monaro.

Wollongong has a very strong and experienced squad of players and Scheinflug's Blacktown will be hard pressed to pull them back.

St George does not have to top the table to have success this year.

A place in the top five would ensure a play-off at the end of the season.

One of Frank Arok's strengths is his excellent and methodical conditioning of players which invariably produces a powerful finish to the season.

A top five place would allow Frank's team scope for end of season toppling of the big poppies.

Although having been associated with many young teams, I have always preferred good, experienced players to young players.

Nothing surpasses experience.

Not only does the experienced player know about the game, he knows about life.

He knows that you usually get out of life what you put into it.

He knows that highs can often be followed by lows.

He has developed the resilience to fight through the lows, the character to fight back when two goals down.

He has developed the strength to hang on to a one goal lead, or top spot on the table.

He often has developed the ability to get on with people.

Place in Sun

Youthfulness, despite all its fire and passion also contends with the confusion of making its way, of finding a place.

It often has not fully developed the attitude of mind that produces success.

These frailties of youth caused Frank Arok to seen so constantly with his head in his hands, in agony and frustration as his young players managed to lose game after game in early season.

The collapse of Sydney City was a boon to Arok, with the purchase of Hagan and O'Connor.

O'Connor, especially since his move to

sweeper, has been a mighty influence on the run of good recent results.

Hagan also with his move back to midfield has had a big effect.

Now, with each game bringing more experience, more familiarity to the likes of David Green and especially young strikers Scott Ollerenshaw and Graham Fletcher, the quality of coaching of Arok and his assistant Atti Abonyi is beginning to have its effect.

Frank Arok is the best

coach I have ever seen on the training field.

A coach needs many talents.

He must be able to pick out good players. He needs to know where they will play best.

He must be able to get them fit, get them motivated, keep them disciplined.

He needs to really understand the game of Soccer.

His understanding will be reflected in the style of



FRANK AROK exultant.



MIKE JOHNSON is a former England professional Soccer player. He played as full time professional with Doncaster Rovers, Brighton, Fulham and Newcastle United. He is an English Football Association coach. In Australia he has coached top teams — Sutherland, St George BSC, West Adelaide, APIA, Wollongong United (now Wollongong Macedonia) and Fairy Meadow in the NSW State League. His television series *The Basic Skills of Soccer* was shown for the first time in 1980 on ABC, concurrently with another television series of his, *Fitness for Sport*. His book *Fitness for Sport* won a quick acceptance among schools and junior clubs throughout Australia. He has had outstanding success coaching young players many of whom have gone on to represent Australia at Soccer.

He says that everyone of these players, despite their eventual success, was deficient in basic skills because of inadequate coaching in their early years, and that all of them would have been better players if they had developed good basic grounding of skill when they were young.



Arok supervises a national team training camp.

Soccer his team plays and the changes in tactics he makes from game to game, or within games.

He must also be able to train a team on the practise field.

Arok is a talented man who is excellent in most of the above areas. He is supreme as a trainer of Soccer players.

If have long been a supporter of Arok. Indeed I recently told him that he is a better coach than ever he thinks he is.

He does not deserve the criticism he faces and has faced in the past.

Up Hill

For Les Scheinflug the

season now is a long struggle to keep a level of consistency in his young team.

He also has grafted in one of two senior players to make his team more solid.

These players cannot match the experience of St George's 29-year-old Hagan or 32-year-old O'Connor.

Of course, Blacktown is only operating in the State League.

Nevertheless its Wollongong rival had a full season in the National League last year which developed many players such as Warwick Young, Jock Morlando, Robbie

Giraldi, who join the highly experienced David Skeen, Randell Easthorpe and Jeff Ainsworth.

Early season I mentioned it in this column that Wolves was the team which Blacktown would have to hold off if it wanted promotion to the national league.

Now that Wolves have gone to the top of the league it presents Les Scheinflug with one of the greatest challenges of his career.

However, Les did captain Australia.

He is a man of character, a coach of extended experience who will not give up.

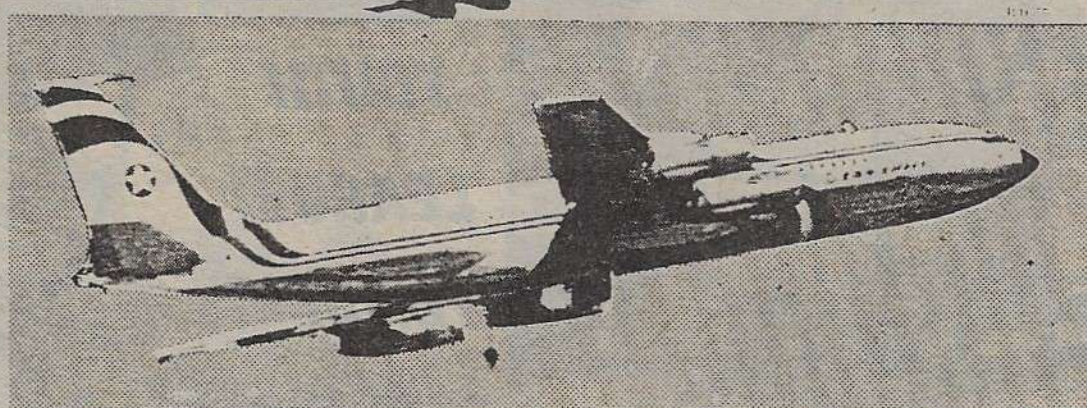
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DIVISION TWO TITLE CHASE

BY MARK BRIGDEN

WHILST the XXXX League premiership quest seems to be a battle between two clubs, Lions and North Star, it certainly is a different case in the second division. Six clubs are still in the race for premiership honours — Croatia, Acacia Ridge, Inala City, Pine Rivers, Wynnum and Juventus Trident, and all fancy their chances.

Croatia, the current leaders, base their challenge around a sound defence led by talented keeper Brett Beeves.

AT this stage they hold the edge, and the creative talents of midfielders Micky Gerritsen and Mark Atmore have already sent the Croatian supporters into raptures.

The Blues from Acacia Ridge are once again up with the leaders. After a recent form slump, coach Buster Rogers is slowly getting the team back on the rails. "When we play to our full potential we fancy our chances against any team in this division," he stated.

While the Ridge rely heavily on Frank Marenic and star Irish import Roy Smythe to score goals, it's the established stars who've provided the inspiration. Colin Burleigh

has matured into a top class defender while Norm Bell and John Gillespie demonstrate their class week in week out.

Inala City have rapidly risen through the lower divisions and were expected to simply consolidate this year. For coach Bobby May however that is not his style. "We've got the best supporters in Queensland and some very talented players. We believe we can win each game," he said.

It's no wonder they're confident with a strikeforce comprising Darren Spence, Mickey Lawson and John Greenall. Lawson is a jewel in a forward-line that sparkles.

Free scoring Pine Rivers are another team that guarantee entertainment.

Led by former State

youth team stars Lindsay Dines and Lee Scriggins, they have proven very difficult to beat on their own pitch.

The inspiration is provided by former National League star Bobby Hamilton. His ability and his workrate set the example for others. To beat Pine Rivers you must shut him out of the game.

Reliance

In recent years Wynnum have relied heavily on the skills of Billy McDermott, Geoff Maltby and Wayne Corbett. Wayne was lured to Easts during the off-season, Geoff is still finding his feet after an early season stint with Lions, but Billy continues to weave magic.

The team play a relaxed style, secure in the knowledge that keeper Dave

Newburn can pull of the dramatics and save them the points.

Juventus Trident comprise the sixth team still in with a good chance of finishing in front at the end of the fixtures. They are a team that play on confidence, when they're on top they can run all over you.

They are a hard, physical side that play a direct style of football. At every opportunity they look for talented goalscorer Peter Carey and appear rudderless when he is negated.

It now appears a case of which team will momentarily lose their concentration and drop vital points.

Acacia Ridge, Croatia, Inala City and Pine Rivers all have good depth with their reserve teams feature prominently. This could be a vital factor as the clubs prepare to do battle for the remaining points.

THE AMPOL CUP

OLYMPIC United will make their first Ampol Cup Grand Final appearance next month, where they'll face the present Cup holders Coalstars.

In a dramatic semi final clash with Mt Gravatt, Olympic withstood continuous pressure in the second half to ensure a chance at glory on August 23.

Olympic opened the scoring in the fifth minute when a shot was deflected into his own net by Mount Gravatt defender Attilio Baldassi.

Their second goal came in the 32nd minute when Steve Glockner showed good skill to turn his man and coolly placed the ball in the corner of the goal.

Despite a halftime bollocking from coach Mike Milovanovic, Olympic appeared to sit back and play a defensive game in the second stanza. This allowed Mount Gravatt to gain the momentum and dominate the second half.

Luck didn't go their way however as they failed to convert many chances. Twelve minutes from the end, Mt Gravatt finally scored when Tommy McGregor headed home an accurate cross from Dave Costa.

McGreggor had hit a superb effort from 30 metres earlier in the game only to see the goal disallowed when a team mate was ruled offside.

Cheetha Vosuga, Paul Barry and Graham Wilson shone for Olympic but coach Milovanovic realises a lot of work still has to be done. "The final is our only chance of success this season so I will have to sort out a few problems before then," he said.

Favourites Down

Coalstars had to overcome the form team, North Star, in their semi-final to earn a chance at repeating last years success. The 3-1 victory was a convincing display from a team who have struggled to reproduce last year's form.

North Star were odds on favourites, having remained unbeaten after 15 premiership games and 3 Ampol Cup clashes this year, but they couldn't match the aggression of a determi-

ned Coalstars outfit.

North Star were not allowed to play their normal game, pushing the ball through midfield, because of the strength of the opposition there.

Bruce Penman, Dale Dawes and Andy Ogden had sound games for the underdogs as did State target man Mark Brusasco.

Kim Wishart, the former State keeper making a comeback with Coalstars after breaking his leg last year, showed he is back to his best with a dominant performance.

The Ampol Cup final certainly will be an epic battle as both teams contain many skilful individuals capable of winning the game. Keep an eye on Coalstars midfielder Andy Ogden, who has a habit of scoring goals in big games.

The Greek community will be out in force, as will the people of Ipswich to support their champions.

STUBBIES

COALSTARS star recruit, Australian U16 national squad member, DARREN FREIBERG, could trial with English second division club Barnsley, on his return from the World U16 titles in Canada. The talented fullback has been offered a one month trial at the club managed by his childhood idol, the former Leeds United and England striker Allan Clarke.

Talented EASTERN SUBURBS youngster SCOTT PLAYLE has left for a four week training stint with Scottish champions, Glasgow Rangers. Playle's talents have matured immensely since joining the XXXX team and he is the first in what the club hopes will develop into an annual event to held developing players.

GOALS is the name of the game and there's some fierce competition for the title of this years LEADING SCORER in the XXXX LEAGUE. Keiran Cooper from Azzurri Brisbane City and the Lions striking duo Brett Druery and Dave Wheeler are all poised to accept the mantle.

One man who might not win the award, but his goals will be just as crucial, is former National League striker Calvin Daunt. His team, Taringa, are deep in relegation trouble and now look to the big man to provide the inspiration, and more importantly the goals.



At left: RICHIE BARNARD of Ipswich United streaks away at Richlands against Croatia.



Queensland representative JIM McDONAGH



BIG STEEL CITY CUP PUSH

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

NEWCASTLE SOCCER CLUB will collect no major honours this season from the State Bank League, but it will have the chance to secure one trophy when it meets WOLLONGONG CITY at the Adamstown Sports Ground next Saturday night.

As well as being in line to take the match points, Newcastle will be challenging Wollongong

for the Steel City Cup, the trophy presently held by Newcastle and which is the symbol of supremacy

annually between the two BHP steelmaking centres.

A win for Newcastle would provide the team and its coach, Peter Dewhurst, with a small measure of satisfaction for the hard work they have put into maintaining a viable position in the League.

Just as Newcastle Rosebud United slotted into the National League at short notice to replace the failed Newcastle KB United, Newcastle Soccer Club rose from the remnants of Rosebud United so that Northern NSW would at least have a foot on the ladder that could lead to a return to the National League at some future date.

Of course, that did not please everyone. There were those who claimed that if the North could not be represented at the top level of Australian football, it should not be part of the secondary competition organised by another State.

So Newcastle, on a very limited budget this season, recruited a team heavily loaded with youngsters whom Dewhurst - despite his frustrations from time to time - is moulding into a squad that is beginning to believe in itself.

Newcastle president Eddie Boards said that his club's main aim this year had been to secure its place in the League and look for a greater degree of success in 1988.

On that note, Newcastle's team of tyros is on line to meet its objective.



NSW CENTRAL COAST

KEN JAMES (SWANSEA UTD)

A member of the 'tradesmanlike' Swansea United, Ken James is one of the best forward players to play on the Coast. Gifted with very good ball sense and good deception, Ken with his partner in crime, Robert Bridge, form a formidable partnership for the northerners. His previous teams have been West Wallsend, Belmont Swansea, Doyalson, Dudley and Cardiff. Although having played only two seasons with Swansea United, he has made a marked reputation on the Central Coast, and is a player to be watched.

The persons to help him in his career are David Ahrens, Sel Mabbot, Alan Parkinson and Ray Charter. His most remembered occasion was being chosen to represent N.S.W. in a senior game against the visiting Scottish side Aberdeen at Lake Macquarie Oval, Speers Pt.

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SUPER LEAGUE CONTINUES

DESPITE the fact that two clubs were unable to fulfil their commitments completely this year by fielding a team in each of the three Coca-Cola Super League competitions, the concept has been accepted readily by all the host senior clubs, some of whom are already making plans for 1988.

Northern NSW Federation directors decided last week that the under-13, under-14 and under-16 competitions would remain for next year with the addition of an under-15 competition.

There would be no changes to the rules under which the Super League competitions would be played.

Club officials will be able to register players from September 1 this year and the cut-off point for lodging registrations will be December 18.

— DAVE WILLIAMS

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Macedonia midfielder Phil Kerr (left) arrives too late for the Newcastle defence.

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WOLVES ON THE PROWL

BY PHIL MURPHY

WOLLONGONG City have proved they have the character and team spirit to win promotion back to the NSL after beating promotion rivals Blacktown and Canberra in the space of two weeks recently.

The amazing thing about those successes were that in both matches they played with only 10 men for most of the time.

At Gabbie Stadium, the Wolves had midfielder Zivko Hristovski sent off after 40 minutes but survived to win 2-1.

In Canberra, amazingly they won 1-0 after losing striker Robert Giraldi in the eighth minute.

"What can you say when your players show so much courage and determination," was the reaction from coach John Fleming.

"At the same time, I have had to take a long, hard look at our disciplinary record."

The club board had called Hristovski, Giraldi and midfielder Rade Stefanovski before them just a week before the Canberra game.

The trio were told bluntly to keep out of trouble, particularly when it came to dissent with referees.

Giraldi was obviously

provoked in the opening minutes of the Canberra game and claims he was struck on the throat by an elbow before retaliating.

"Unfortunately the linesman saw what I did and didn't see the original offence," Giraldi said.

When Giraldi left the

field, it seemed too much to hope that Fleming's team could repeat their effort of just two weeks earlier.

Helped by a Canberra team which showed very little will to win and even less method in making 10

men work even harder, the Wolves got home with a second-half goal from Pat Brodnik.

On Saturday, Wollongong make the trip to Newcastle confident of finishing the 90 minutes with a full complement of players.



Robert Giraldi strides out for Wollongong.



Macedonia's JOHN BINGHAM

Unanderra seem . . .

DANGER HAPPY

ILLAWARRA Premier League club UNANDERRA are in very real danger of being relegated but they are so confident of avoiding the drop they are recruiting new players for next season.

The players they have been talking to obviously wouldn't be signing on if Unanderra are relegated to First Division.

Club spokesman Paul Lipscomb said Unanderra players won't hear about relegation. "We have a strong enough team to fight our way out of trouble," he said.

"We realise to do better in 1988 we have to have a stronger squad so we have been shopping around already."

"I can't say who the players are but they are keen to come to us if and when we stay up."

Unanderra are opening their purse strings wide in their latest campaign to build a powerful squad and now is the time to talk to the best players available.

They have realised it is too late trying to sign players in January.

Two players who Unanderra will be retaining from this season are player-coach Ron Sattin and his brother, Harry.

Both have had good seasons and added a touch of class to the 'Derra side.

Last year they were both in the State League with Wollongong Macedonia and this has been Ron's first experience in coaching.

Lipscomb said he has done a great job and lifted the players at vital stages of the season. "We definitely want him to stay on next year."

With four rounds to be played, Unanderra don't have a particularly tough draw, having the meet Cringila (h), Shellharbour (a), Figtree (h) and Fernhill (a).

The last game against Fernhill could prove vital to both clubs as Fernhill have slumped towards the bottom in the second half of the season.

Other clubs battling to avoid relegation are Aris, almost certainly doomed, Corrimal, Shellharbour and possibly Port Kembla.

— PHIL MURPHY



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HE AIN'T HEAVY HE'S MY BROTHER

HE's 'the other Reis' of the Canberra Griffins. Phil Reis, the hardworking, reliable defender playing out his role in the background while brother Alan grabs the glory by setting goalscoring records up front.

And Phil loves it. "In fact, I'd like to be even more in the shadows," he said. "If Alan got his name in the paper every week for scoring a hat-trick it would mean we were winning and nothing

would please me more."

The 26-year-old mainstay of the Griffins back four has had his share of the limelight in the past. In between spells with Canberra he returned to his native Hong Kong, playing

for two first-division sides and representing the colony in the World Cup and on international tours.

"I miss that excitement but Soccer was going downhill in Hong Kong, mainly because they kept

changing the rules in an attempt to encourage more local players," he said. "I have always regarded Australia as home and I was happy to come back here."

His return to Canberra

coincided with the appointment of Augusto Palacios as player-coach and a remarkable run of success as the Griffins pushed for a quick return to the NSL.

That record goes on the line on Sunday when Wollongong city, a point behind Canberra in third place on the NSW State

Bank League, are the visitors at Bruce Stadium.

One of the Griffins' two defeats this season came at Wollongong in the first round — "there were a number of reasons, but the bottom line was that we did not play well" — and Reis said the players were determined to make amends.

"We all realise the importance of this game. I like to go into these matches as the underdog, but without predicting a score I would have to say we will win."

And if top-scorer Alan grabs the headlines again with another harvest of goals, no-one will be happier than his big brother.

ACT INDOOR

DURING the coming season the ACTISA will concentrate much of their efforts in expanding its Junior programme with competition from under 8 through the under 16 years age groups.

Each year has seen a significant growth in this area with remarkable results.

As a result of the National Titles hosted by the ACT in January of this year we seen no less than 23 junior players, including one under 16 girl, selected in Australian training squads.

This success in club and representative levels places the ACT as one of the strongest indoor Soccer states currently in Australia.

The ACTISA will take responsibility for some of the outlying districts of NSW which will be easier to administer from the ACT. These areas will include Cootamundra, Goulburn, Yass and Queanbeyan.

These areas will have their own district associations and administering bodies but will ultimately be responsible to the ACTISA who will represent their interests nationally.

Players from these areas will be eligible to enter the Commonwealth Bank ACT Indoor Soccer 1987 State Championships, which will be held on Sunday 8th November, at the AIS Basketball Training Hall.

As in the past it will be from this championship that players will be selected to compete in state representative teams for the national championships which in turn can possibly lead to selection to Australian Teams.

This year the ACTISA have been very fortunate in obtaining the assistance of the Commonwealth Banking Corporation, who will sponsor the 1987 ACTISA State Championship which will ensure that the high standard of competition we have seen in past years can be maintained.

The Commonwealth Bank is to be congratulated on its support and involvement in activities for Australian sporting bodies.

ACT Boys told . . .

"GET TOUGHER"

"THEY'RE too nice — if they want to become professionals they must set themselves higher standards, particularly in fitness, and have a greater desire to win."

This was ACT coach Steve Darby's assessment of his team after the ACT had finished as an also ran in the Australian under-18 boys championship won by Victoria.

"The squad members who stood out were Tony Giannasca, Cameron Tully, Toplica Popovich, Elvis Glavinic and Mark Arthur, while young Ned Zelic is a player with almost unlimited potential," he said.

"We had superb goalkeepers in Giannasca and Dennis Maricic but lacked a goalscorer. We created plenty of chances but missed them far too often."

Summing up, Darby said the ACT still had a long way to go to catch NSW and Victoria, while it was better organised than Tasmania and closing the gap on the other states.

The territory was represented in the final. Referee Dave Willcocks capped a fine tournament by being awarded the prestige match between NSW and Victoria.

Six ACT players from the under-18 girls championship have been included in the 27-strong Australian youth squad. They are: Katrina Alexander,

Sarah Lonsdale (Belconnen United), Laura Fisher (Weston Creek), Sara King, Sasha Wainwright (Stormbirds) and Karen Avis (Downer Olympic). In addition, King and Wainwright have been included in a 16-player talent identification squad at under-15 level.

And to complete a successful tournament for the ACT, two other under-15s, Helen Gombar (Queanbeyan) and Kimberley Williams (Weston Creek) received encouragement awards as 'players of the future'.

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ation first division interesting with a 2-0 win over Weston Creek, goals coming from Stacey Rippon and Angie Ulrick. With league leader Belconnen United going down 3-0 to Canberra City (Sandra D'Oonofrio, Francis Lacey and Paula Minelo) the race for the title is wide open.

In the other first-division game, bottom placed ANU got its first win of the season with a Jenny Bolton-Gibbs goal over Downer Olympic.

Second division leader Concordia-Canberra recovered from its first loss last week to beat ANU III 4-1. Jonelle Lancashire scored a hat-trick, backed by one from Setts Miller and a fine supporting game from Leanne Reising. Meghan Baldwin scored for ANU.

In other results Weston Creek II beat Downer Olympic II 4-3

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## CONFIDENT CROATIA

FROM GRAHAM COOKE

"I think that result against Croatia proves it. We are a force to be reckoned with, both now and in the future."

Jim Hayes, as calm and as confident as ever, was giving his assessment of Belconnen United's progress this season — the third of four which, when becoming coach in 1985, he said were necessary to take the club from also rans to the ACT League championship.

Since then he has guided United to fourth place in 1985 and the Ampol Cup — "that was a bit of a bonus" — third in 1986 and an almost certain second place this year.

And in a season when Croatia Deakin has looked formidable, it became the first side to dent the league champion's record with a 2-2 draw a couple of weeks ago.

As always, Hayes has put his faith in the enthusiasm of youth. "The youngsters have impressed me again this season," he said. "Peter-John DiMicheal, Michael Wiseman, Greg Roberts who is just up from the reserves."

"Greg is still young enough for the under-19s but he told me that once he got into the first team no-one was going to take his place away from him."

"In the past I would have to say there were too many individualists, but the team is moulding together well now. Most of our goals this season have been the result of team efforts."

"We had a run against the Canberra Griffins reserves in a training match recently and their coach, Oscar Langone, said afterwards that we would go well in the NSW Second division."

"But that's a long way off yet . . . well, maybe not so long."

"If I can keep this team together for one more year they will be very, very good."

United's challenge stuttered when it was beaten 2-1 by Juventus under lights at Bruce stadium.

The game was put on as a curtain raiser to the AIS's Victorian Challenge Series game with Croydon City and the double attraction draw 750 on a cold night.

The game was sponsored by the Canberra United Credit Union and could be the first of a series of joint ventures between the AIS and local Canberra Soccer.

Meanwhile Canberra City Olympians restored their flagging fortunes with a 3-2 win over third-placed Canberra-Concordia — only their third win in 10 league games.

Before that game the club which once consid-

ered a top-four position as its by right was only being kept off the bottom of the table by the suffering Narrabundah, but coach Jimmy Tsiokos is clinging doggedly to the belief that things will improve.

"Our main problem is that some of our players are a little too young for the first division," he said.

"Peter Thompson is our oldest player, most of the rest are under 20. They are creating the chances, but we lack someone able to put the ball in the net."

The former South Melbourne player, who keeps fit by playing in the reserve team, has no thoughts about making a first-division comeback.

"The committee has asked me, but when you are a coach it is better to stay on the line where you can better judge how everyone is playing."

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# WA EMU EXPORT STATE SOCCER LEAGUE



## PERTH'S TOPSY TURVY RESULTS

BY DAVID ANDREWS

**JUST** when it appeared as though the championship race and the relegation issue had all but been settled, a series of upsets last weekend has thrown both issues wide open with six rounds to go.

The match of the week between Perth Azzurri and Stirling Macedonia was always going to be a wide open affair with victory likely to go either way.

But Floreat Athena and Spearwood Dalmatinac confidently expected to keep up the pressure on league leaders Mace-

donia.

Well Azzurri did the right thing by the competition beating Macedonia 2-1 in a nail biting, bruising encounter at Dorrien Gardens.

But Athena crashed to their second successive defeat to a relegation prone club by losing 1-0 to

Osborne Park Galeb.

Dalmatinac, hosting very close neighbours Cockburn United, suffered a similar fate by the same margin.

At least they are no further away from the big prize because of Azzurri's success.

But it seems as though it will be an Azzurri-Macedonia tussle for the title though Macedonia still have to play Athena and

Dalmatinac, two matches that will remain in the balance till the end.

Azzurri have the easier passage in the remainder of the competition — at least on paper, though the clash with Dalmatinac is fraught with danger.

Probably the most dangerous of all clubs is Kingsway Olympic who face the two premiership hopefuls Azzurri and Athena in these last six matches.

Olympic ended whatever hopes East Fremantle Tricolore had with a 3-1 blitz at Tricolore's home ground, Wauhop Park.

In fact Tricolore will be battling to make the Top Four from their current position.

Olympic have conceded a remarkable miserly 13 goals from 16 matches which is excellent at any level of competition.

### CLEAR

**Bayswater Inter have no chance at the championship and no fear of relegation following their workman-like 2-0 win over Inglewood-Kiev at the Inglewood ground.**

They consider they have a chance at the top four, but in reality it is about the same as Tricolore's.

A possibility but unlikely.

For Kiev the loss was a big blow to their survival hopes.

After two good wins in the two previous weeks, Kiev were expecting to continue up the ladder



**Bayswater v Kiev. Bay's ROHAN MATHEWS wards off a Kiev player, De' Sousa.**

### CUP SCENE

**The championship battle will have a rest this coming weekend with the quarter-finals of the D'Orosgna Knockout Cup taking centre stage.**

In a competition which has thrown up many upsets in recent years, only one non-State League club remains in the tournament at the quarter-final mark.

That is Balcatta Etna of the second division, a strong promotion candidate, who take on Bayswater Inter.

It would come as no surprise to see Etna win this encounter against a Bayswater who have shown considerable shyness in front of goal.

Inglewood Kiev could prove a handful for Spear-

wood Dalmatinac at the Inglewood ground, specially if the long list of injuries to Dalmatinac continues.

Last week they were without Matt Pearson, the newly deposed playing coach, David Jones and Paul Gibbon — all from the midfield, and tough full-back Mel Brown.

It seems certain the first three will remain on the sidelines.

Floreat Athena should make amends for their poor recent showing by disposing of Cockburn United at Lake Monger Velodrome.

Finally Stirling Macedonia should prove too strong for a depleted East Fremantle Tricolore even at Wauhop Park.

This match will be broadcast live on ethnic radio 6NR.



**Dalmatinac v Bayswater. Bayswater goalkeeper STEVE MARTIN wins out over Ross Greer.**

### TASMANIA

BY WALTER PLESS

**OLYMPIA-WPL moved to within three points of WHITE EAGLES with an emphatic 7-1 win over second-last RAPID at KGV Soccer Park on Saturday.**

Rapid scored first through a Lars Koch header after 16 minutes following Greg Calvert's corner, but Michael Goldsmith equalised in the 33rd minute with a pile-driver from 25 metres, set up for him by player-coach Ken Morton.

Peter Sherman's speculative shot from wide on the left just after the resumption was turned into his own net by goalkeeper Lee Gillam to make it 3-0 for Olympia.

Goldsmith converted Roger Munro's pass in the 58th minute to make it 4-0, while fullback Chris Hey added a fifth goal in the 67th minute with a low drive from Morton's pass wide to the right.

A corner by Morton in the 72nd minute enabled David Crosson to score, only to see Morton take his shirt off five minutes later and walk off the field because of the taunts of an Olympia supporter.

Peter Sherman and Michael Goldsmith completed the rout with goals in the last four minutes.

Juventus-Pioneer

retained third spot with a comfortable 4-0 win against an under-strength Caledonians in Saturday's curtain-raiser.

Juventus left Australia's Under-16 World Cup captain, Dominic Longo, on the bench but he entered the action after only a quarter of an hour when fullback Alistair Cochrane went off injured.

Longo had only been on the field for a minute when he helped set up the first goal. It was his header which put Romeo Fabrizio in with a chance. He headed against the bar, however, but centre-back Nick Di Martino, who had pushed forward, smashed home the rebound.

John Broadhouse scored twice in the early stages of the second half, while Sergio Pace wrapped up the match with a fine half-volley in the 73rd minute.

Croatia v Eagles

AT KGV Soccer Park in midweek, leaders White

**Eagles drew 2-2 with Croatia-Glenorchy.**

Rodney Tattam, Croatia's goalkeeper, was his side's hero as he made no less than nine superb saves, four of them at the feet of Richard Leszczynski, the league's leading marksman.

Tattam showed bravery in coming out and smothering shots at players' feet, agility in turning headers and shots over the bar or wide of the posts, as well as quick thinking in coming off his line to act like a sweeper.

Eagles suffered a major blow just before the interval when it lost goalkeeper Peter Groenewoud with a hamstring injury. It was only his second match since coming back from a broken collar bone which had kept him out of the game for the past two months.

Eagles was unlucky not to take the lead two minutes after Groenewoud's departure when Andrew Leszczynski's lob came back off the bar, but the

first-half ended scoreless.

David Stoddart put the reigning champion ahead three minutes into the second period. His first attempt came back off a post but he calmly tucked away

the rebound.

Croatia's giant centre-half, Peter Huigslot, restored the equilibrium three minutes later, however. He pushed forward at a corner and headed Neil

Thomas's kick firmly past Groenewoud's understudy, Gilbert Steenhuis.

Tony Bacic put Croatia into the lead in the 57th minute with a low angled-drive that Steenhuis should

probably have had.

Dominic O'Brien salvaged a point for Eagles when he headed home Andrew Leszczynski's left-wing cross in the 70th minute.

## PENALTY AMENDED

BY WALTER PLESS

**THE independent inquiry panel investigating Hobart City-Azzurri's walk-off in the Cadbury State League match against Caledonians on July 4 has handed down its recommendations to the Tasmanian Soccer Association executive committee after a meeting at Soccer House on Monday, July 20.**

The Hobart City senior side staged its walk-off against Calles with 30 minutes of the match remaining after two of City's players, defenders Michael Pace and Johan Hogenbirk, had been sent off by referee John Howlin.

The panel recommended that:

Hobart City be relegated from the Cadbury State League and Pepsu Youth League this season and not be eligible for these leagues next

year.

Hobart City's players be ineligible to play for the remainder of this season and that they be ineligible for transfer to other clubs this season.

The club be fined \$1000 and that a \$1500 bond be posted for the 1988 season.

Club president, Mr George Marino, be 'severely reprimanded' and that senior coach Otto Klaus be 'reprimanded'.

The recommendati-

ons are substantially less than the original penalties meted out of July 7.

The first meeting of the TSA expelled Hobart City until the start of the 1988 season and ordered that, when the club's ban had been served, it was not to return at a level higher than the Rothmans second division, in effect, Southern Tasmania's third division.

A fine of \$2500 was imposed on the club and Klaus was suspended from coaching any team under the TSA's jurisdiction until the beginning of the 1989 season.

The TSA executive committee must now meet and either endorse or reject the inquiry panel's recommendation.

No date has yet been announced for the meeting.

Otto Klaus refused to comment, other than to say: "I'm laughing at being let off the hook. That's because they were afraid I'd sue them for my wages and it was easy to be lenient towards me because for the last six games of the season I won't find another club."

"I made it crystal clear at the meeting that my first priority is loyalty to Hobart City."

"I have had my suspension lifted and I could coach Juventus, Olympia, or whoever, tomorrow because I am free to coach again."

"The only thing is, I'm reprimanded, which I will fight, of course, and not alone. The last episode is far from over."

"There is more in store, which I can't talk about. The only one who is able to do so is our lawyer."





## WORLD PRESIDENT READY FOR CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

WORLD president Januario D'Alessio of Brazil will be in Australia later this month to officiate at the drawing of group finalists for the 1988 World Indoor Championship to be staged in Australia.

D'Alessio, who presides over the world body, was the previous Brazilian president and responsible for the phenomenal growth of the game in Brazil (where they boast 14.8 MILLION registered players) and its rapid growth throughout the world.

He will meet with the Organising Committee of the World cup to finalise arrangements and venues for the World finals as well as meetings with the patron of the Indoor movement in this country, the Minister for Sport, John Brown.

The Organising Committee under the chairmanship of Charles Perkins will hold its annual meeting on the weekend of August 15-16 to make all the official appointments for next year's World Championships.



World Indoor president Januario D'Alessio catches up on the news with ASW and friends.

## NSW STATE LEAGUE

WITH only two games to go no-one is willing to predict which of the top six teams will make the semi-final playoffs.

The Shields have cemented their spot as minor premiers and it looks certain that Alec's Wreckers Two will finish second. However the next four teams are locked within one point of each other; Tornadoes, Bullets and Alkene on 18 pts and Allstars on 17.

Some of these teams are yet to play each other and it seems it will come down to the last game to decide the final four.

### ALEC ONE 0 REVESBY BULLETS 4

Bullets played no non-sense Soccer. They waited patiently for their chances and took them when they

came. Umpleby in goal played exceptionally well and was equal to everything the Wreckers fired at him.

Bullet's defence kept the Wreckers chances down to a minimum finding it difficult to penetrate.

For Bullets, Glen Ross scored two and Charlie Ienco and Glen Valanilas got one each.

### ALEC TWO 2 REVESBY REBELS 2

This game was full of excitement and Rebels looked certain to secure the points when Stromquist put them 2-0 ahead early in the first half.

Both Davis and Hubbart played well in defence but couldn't put in the chances

created by Stromquit and Thurlow.

Eventually, persistence paid off for Alec Two in the second half when with less than five minutes to go Sturteviski pulled one back. Tupanceski then equalised with a minute remaining securing a point for them. That point should see them safely finish in second place.

### GREENACRE TORNADOES 3 P'MATTA SPEARS 4

This game provided Spears with their first victory of the season.

They did it the hard way but they got there. Tornadoes had Moon sent off in the first half.

Standing: Parramatta Shields 28, Aleck Wreckers 1 21, Greenacre Tornadoes 18, Alkene 18, Bullets 18, Allstars 17, Alec Wreckers 11 13, Rebels 12, Phillips 11, Parramatta Spears 4.

The PACIFIC champions MEXICO repeated their Canberra win with another convincing series of victories on the Gold Coast following the first Pacific Cup in Canberra.

Thanks to the support of SPANTECH Pty. Ltd., who transported the Pacific champions north, the Mexicans were able to convert those who saw them on the Gold Coast to the "new" indoor game.

turn to the court is more realistic. In the meantime, Greg will carry on as coach of the Lotto Allstars for the forthcoming season.

National Director NICK NICOLOPOULOS received a great reception in Talbingo during last week's coaching/lecture tour.

The locals were overjoyed at the attention and have already established a club and league for the surrounding districts.

All the kids in the town were at Nick's lectures (about 60 in all) and all were converts to Indoor Soccer, which is a natural in the winter months in this cold town.

## NISL FLASHES

AUSTRALIAN Soccer Weekly would like to hear from all James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League clubs in the run up to the League kick off later this month.

In fact all associated with the indoor movement are urged to send brief items for inclusion on this page by addressing correspondence to:

The Editor, Australian Soccer Weekly, P.O. Box 406, Broadway 2007 NSW.

## DIRECTOR'S OFFER

NATIONAL coach and Director of Coaching Nick Nicolopoulos has offered his services to all National Soccer League clubs wishing to introduce the indoor game to the outdoor players as a way and means of improving skills and adding variety to club training.

The offer for the indoor coaches to help the outdoor clubs of all sizes and varieties is an open one and outdoor clubs would be well advised to take up the generous indoor offer.

In Brazil all leading outdoor professional clubs spend at least one training day a week playing indoor as an aid to outdoor and Australia would be well advised to follow suit.

Interested parties should contact the AISF head office for further details.

The move is to be applauded as there is too much rubbish published on the supposed conflict between the indoor and outdoor movement.

Ideally the two should complement one another as they do in the other sixty odd nations where Indoor (International rules) is played.

## SYDNEY TOYOTA TORNADOES NEWS:

## ROBBIE STUART MOVING ON ...

AS for the spectacular NISL hot tips on player moves, the Tornadoes can now report that Robbie Stuart's only proposed move was in fact to move out of his parents home and into a flat of his own. He has signed for the 1987 season with the Sydney TOYOTA Tornadoes.

And about the rumour regarding the Osman brothers, the club can again report that there will be no move by the talented duo. They will be turning out in the Sydney TOYOTA Tornadoes colours.

Former Australian team captain Steven Knight is now more determined to win his way back into the Australian squad for the '88 World Cup. Since missing the Pacific Cup due to work commitments, Steve is looking forward to the coming series.

Sydney TOYOTA Tornadoes have been invited by the Israel Indoor Soccer Federation to tour early in the New Year. Negotiations are in progress with an airline company for sponsorship for the team's trip.

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## Gold Coast bid ...

THE James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League has already received an application from the Gold Coast to enter a team in the 1988 league.

The James Hardie NISL is keen to accommodate the progressive backers of the Gold Coast outfit.

Lotto Allstars have signed promising 18 year old goalkeeper Stephen Uplebey, son of national secretary Albert.

Stephen has played with the various Australian age groups, playing in the national colours in the United States, Japan and New Zealand.



## Three points and . . .

BY KETH GILMOUR

WEST END NSL League chairman Sam Papasavas yesterday allowed that there was only limited enthusiasm amongst the clubs for a switch from winter to summer football.

He added: "We have too many other pressing problems to solve at this stage."

"Anything that resulted could not occur next year anyway."

"We will begin next year on January 24, which in any case is an summer start."

"Our normal timing is

late January to September and the biggest problem were we to change to the full summer period is the back-to-back seasons."

The season change would certainly be costly in terms of club and sponsorship financial problems.

Possibilities will re-

main under review.

But, by a narrow margin, three points for a win will return next season, to ensure that competing teams will more likely go for broke towards the end of games.

This will get rid of the clear tendency of some coaches to shut the gate and finish matches with a booring defensive display.

The NSW State Bank Challenge Cup is certain to go on before the Beach Fashions Cup, stated

NSW Soccer Federation president John Constantine.

In Victoria there is some consideration being given to replacing the successful Buffalo Cup with an indoor event.

And so continues the crazy run to make changes for the sake of changes alone.

Mr Papasavas said that the League would only break for the like of World Cup and Olympic Games commitments.

"There will have to be less camps because the League simply must keep up its momentum," he stated.

"We will play at all times, subject to teams being able to defer if they have three or more players in the national squad."

"If there is an international in Sydney we will play in Melbourne, and vice versa."

"We won't be stopping for games against New Zealand and friendly internationals."

That means that the NSL will run a schedule of games when the Bicentennial Gold Cup is played.



SAM PASASAVAS  
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# ANOTHER OLYMPIC- COALSTARS THRILLER

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND'S Ampol Cup final between Olympic United and Coalstars on August 23 is set to be a thriller if their XXXX League clash last weekend was any indication.

The two sides played a 2-2 draw at Olympic's Goodwin Park and the match could have gone either way. Olympic United dominated the first period and led by two at the break. But Coalstars showed their great fighting ability to come back and level the terms in the second half.

"We didn't arrive until halftime," said Coalstars coach Brian Styles, who needed to give his side a severe halftime blast to get them into their best form.

Olympic coach Mike Milovanovic was, as would be expected, upset that his side had thrown away its handy halftime lead, but the swing in fortunes showed just how closely these two sides are paired and underlined that the Cup final is set to be a classic.

Coalstars are the Cup holders, having beaten North Star in the final last year, the same side they beat this year in the semi-finals. Olympic United will be playing in their first ever Cup final.

With the top four teams in the XXXX League having broken away from the pack at the halfway mark of the season, the cup now is the only remaining season target for Coalstars

and Olympic, as both have enough points not to worry about relegation.

Both teams needed to win the Goodwin Park clash last weekend to hold any hopes, slim as they were, of reaching the top four.

But one club not adopting the attitude that the semi-final teams are decided is Mount Gravatt. The Hawks bared their claws against relegation-headling Taringa last weekend and ran out 5-0 winners.

Mount Gravatt are now in fifth place on 14 points. While that is still six behind fourth-placed Easts, the Tigers appear to be tottering and they are the team Mount Gravatt have targeted.

"Easts are going to drop more points before the end of the season and it is just a matter of us to keep winning and we can overtake them," said Mount Gravatt coach Eric Thompson.

The Tigers crashed 1-2 to lowly Grange Thistle last weekend and would need only to lose again this week to find themselves in a real struggle to the end of the season. But with only six rounds remaining, three more wins should

see them safe.

The win over the Tigers was only Grange Thistle's second of the season, but could not have been more timely. For the entire year the young Lanham Park side has been locked in a relegation battle with Taringa.

But in recent week's Joe Gilroy's team has edged closed to safety. They have now opened a three point gap over Taringa with the bottom team to drop into the second division.

In the second division, the promotion race remained as tightly locked as ever. Croatia kept their two point lead at the top thanks to a 4-0 win at Annerley, but the result flattered the leaders.

Annerley hit the crossbar at 0-1 down and kept Croatia pinned in their half for nearly the entire second period. It was only Croatia's clinical finishing when attacking on the break late in the match that inflated the scoreline.

Acacia Ridge maintained the pressure on Croatia by beating Nerang, and stayed lurking two points behind - a margin they can breach when the two clubs clash in the second last round of the season.

Pine Rivers crushed Bardon 6-0 to move into third place on goal difference, joining a cluster of clubs on 21 points including Wynnum and Inala City.



David Richardson of Coalstars heads on a high ball.



## Under 16 World Cup in Canada

### Quarter-Finals in Montreal

Nigeria b Australia 1-0 (halftime 0-0). Scorer: Nwosu (59th min) Crowd: 6,200; in Toronto: Italy b South Korea 2-0 (0-0), Cappellini (51st), Gallo (53rd). Crowd: 10,373; in Saint John, New Brunswick: The Ivory Coast b Qatar 3-0 (1-0), Bassole (16th), Bada (53rd), Traore (67th); In St John's, Newfoundland: SUUR b France 3-2 (1-0), USSR — Arutyunian (39th and 59th), Nikiforov (75th), France — Adrian (48th), Roche (64th), Crowd: 3,500.

### Third-place play-off

Saint John, Canada: The Ivory Coast 2 b Italy, in extra-time. (halftime 1-0). Scorers: Ivory Coast: Traore (17th and 96th). Italy: Bianchi (57th). Crowd: 2,200.

### U16 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP at Toronto, Canada.

Final: USSR 3 b Nigeria 1. (on penalties) (halftime 1-1). Scorers: USSR Y Nikiforov (7th), Nigeria P Osondu (12th min). Crowd: 14,997.

## BUDS AND BELSWANS CLEAR OF FIELD

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

ADAMSTOWN Rosebud and Belmont Swansea United moved to nine and six points clear respectively of their closest rival, West Wallsend, after games in the 14th series of the Tooheys Northern NSW State First Division premiership were decided last weekend.

### Reassurances from Sunshine's skipper

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verbal after the game but they pay their money and they're entitled to say how they feel.

"In fact they are probably entitled to better results.

"I think this is the best club I've been at enjoyment wise and that is mostly because our supporters are more rational than most from other clubs in Melbourne.

"They're a bit loud sometimes but they are entitled to voice their opinions and it's not going to make much difference anyway because the players are sick enough about the situation as it is."

Despite tension on the field Faulkner said there is a strong bond between players at George Cross and for that reason alone they had not given up hope of survival.

"Everybody is tense under the fear of losing but that would be a natural reaction at any club," Faulkner told me.

"We try and gee each other up on the pitch and when things go wrong everybody gets a bit tense.

"But in our team I don't

think it gets very personal - we're all fairly close and can handle a mouthful without taking it to heart.

"My message to supporters is that it's got to come right one of these days.

"We played against league leader APIA and their coach Rale Rasic walked away saying we were one of the better teams they had played this season.

"We haven't played that well every week but we certainly haven't played that badly.

"I really feel things have got to start happening for us soon."

NB - How prophetic Faulkner's words proved to be.

Just a day after speaking to the Sunshine George Cross skipper his side struck back with a vengeance to crush title-contender South Melbourne Hellas 3-0 at Chaplin Reserve.

Garry Clarke came in for his first game and Paul Trimboli, true to his training form, hit his straps and scored a spectacular hat-trick.

West Wallsend suffered a comprehensive defeat by Austral United and Weston kept a semi-final place in sight with a victory in a lightning fast match against Highfields Azzurri.

In the only match played on Saturday, Adamstown beat Wallsend 2-1 at the Adamstown Sports Ground after John McQuarrie had scored for Rosebuds and Tony Davies had equalised in the 35th minute.

But David Bock, playing against his former club, gave Rosbuds the match points with a goal five minutes after halftime.

Belmont Swansea United left Plum Park, Lisarow, with a victory over Central Coast when Graham Hills, back in the side after having recovered from a foot injury, scored the only goal of the match.

In the game at Whitebridge, Weston missed no fewer than four distinct scoring chances in the scoreless first half and at least two early ones in the second term, and nearly paid the penalty as Highfields Azzurri fought back.

But a Dave Miller penalty kick seven minutes from the end set-

ted the issue in Weston's favour.

Azzurri suffered a double blow when its right fullback Craig Curry was carried off the field on a stretcher late in the game and was treated by paramedics for a suspected back injury.

Weston left fullback Brett Merton followed closer to the end when he collapsed after heading the ball unopposed.

Lake Macquarie City continued to show improved form with a 3-2 win over Cardiff at Macquarie Field.

Striker Craig Northey with two and defender Anthony Richards with another did the damage for Lake Macquarie, while Dale Turner and David Wilson, playing against his old club, added the goals for Cardiff.

The surprise of the series occurred at Johnson Park, where Austral United outplayed the home team, West Wallsend, to the tune of 3-0.

Robert Holden added another goal to the three he scored last Sunday, while Andrew Tonks and Robert Virgili, returning after serving a one-match suspension, made the Austral victory complete.

## THE STATE OF THINGS IN SA

WITH TOM MCKAIN

THERE was another shuffle at the top of the SOUTH AUSTRALIAN Rotmans League table to set the scene for a showdown this weekend between two of the title favourites with only four rounds to go.

Leaders Salisbury and third-placed Hellas, clash on Sunday in what could be the decider for a place in the play-off for a West End National League berth next year.

The pair both drew last week. Salisbury were held 1-1 at home by bottom team Apac and Hellas 2-2 at Lion's ground.

The latter result dropped the former National league team to third place as Croatia and Beograd made further charges.

We now have a table-top reading Salisbury 28 points, Croatia 26, Hellas 26, and Beograd 26.

The latter leap back into the scene with a 5-0 away win over Polonia as they went berserk in a day of rain and mud which made classic soccer impossible.

Croatia got back in the hunt with a 2-0 away win over Azzurri to shade Hellas on goal difference — plus 20 to their rival's 18.

Beograd has a plus 13 goal difference and Salisbury six.

Croatia are favourites on Saturday at home against Parra Hills although the Parra shocked Campbelltown, last year's champions, with a 1-0 win last week.

Beograd also look a safe bet at home against Azzurri which has dropped to second last.

This was the result of their defeat plus the surprise win of Birkalla over Cumberland.

Birks now move out of the relegation zone into ninth spot (10 points) above Cumberland on goal difference.

Azzurri have nine points and Apac five.

Birkalla has to meet Campbelltown this weekend, while Cumberland is home to Lion and Apac entertain Polonia.

Salisbury and Hellas have the advantage over their rivals of playing on Sunday, which means they will know what is required to top any of Saturday's results.



GRAHAM LATHAM

Salisbury in particular are looking the more relaxed with a two point lead and a draw possibly enough to keep them at the top of the table.

Hellas must win and also boost their goal difference to ward off Croatia and Beograd.

A draw for Hellas would be a disaster if Croatia and Beograd win, and defeat would be fatal as they have already played their two games against Croatia and Beograd.

Hellas could be minus star midfielder Lou Hristodoulou who is touring with the Youth Socceroos in New Caledonia and may miss a flight connection back to Adelaide.

Salisbury has already lost its Youth star in Graham Latham, sent home injured from a training camp before the youngsters left on their tour.

But both teams are certain to turn it all on in the Sunday showdown, no matter who is in the lineup.

Fans could be looking at SA's second representative in the National Soccer League next year when the final whistle blows.



# ILIC DOES IT AGAIN

UNFORTUNATELY this weekend's round was disrupted due to the poor weather and only three games were completed at the weekend and one during the week.

The midweek match drew the Sains against Canterbury with the Berries copping their biggest hiding of the season 10-0.

Zoran Ilic, the League's top scorer, led the procession to goal with four, Scott Hughes nabbed a hat-trick, with Paul Giezenkamp, Robert Harmat and Carmen Soueid finishing off a hapless Canterbury.

It was a different Canterbury last Sunday as they took Marconi to the limit, the Leopards finally equalising in the final minute after the Berries had two players sent off for serious foul play.

It was also a very different St. George on Sunday. Club officials called their match off against APIA after an official referee had declared the pitch playable.

Curiously enough a Saints loss would have drawn Apia to within a point with a match in hand.

Despite the dropped point Marconi moved clear to Croatia, who lost 4-0 to Olympic and Melita whose match against Warringah was also postponed.

Uruguay-Penrith mean-while racked up their second win of the season to upset the more fancied Manly 3-2 in a cliffhanger at Cook Park.

After leading 2-0 at the

break Uruguay lost their way in the second period allowing Manly back into the match and draw level with 15 minutes to go. Uruguay through Alex Disciacio scored the winner three minutes from time.

## URUGUAY 3 MANLY 2

ALTHOUGH Uruguay took a stranglehold of the game in the opening 45 minutes the first period was a fairly dull affair brightened only by the two goals scored.

After good lead up work from Antonia Gomez and Edwin Bruno involving clever one touch inter-passing, Bruno found Richard Rossini, who netted from inside the area after 27 minutes.

Canbek Genc was fouled in the area three minutes prior to the break and Leo Ulloa completed the honours from the spot via the post.

Manly slipped into gear in the second half controlling the midfield and the game.

Benny Wills leapt well to pull one back for the visitors with a neat header just two minutes into the second period.

Roger Greaves levelled the scores 15 minutes from time with the goal of

the game, a brilliant solo run that cut the defence to shreds after collecting the ball in midfield then coolly slotting it home.

Bruno put forward a through ball for Alex Disciacio with three minutes remaining. The striker appeared offside, but his execution of a delightful chip over the advancing keeper gave Uruguay a long awaited victory.

Manly almost snatched an equaliser a minute later but Wills was unable to control a free kick. His deflection went over the bar after the keeper had completely misjudged the bounce of the ball.

URUGUAY: Carbajal, Leiker, Stounaras, Ulloa, Pauling, Martinez (Boreello), Bruno, Gomez, Rossini (Miravunac), Disciacio, Genc.

Best Players: Alex Disciacio, Edwin Bruno, Antonia Gomez.

MANLY: Beckett, Reeves, Chung, Vale (Pearce), Logan, Ure, Greaves, Glascock, Wills, Englang, Wassell (Annan).

Best Players: Robert Ure, Benny Wills, Steve Wassell.

## OLYMPIC 4 CROATIA 0

CROATIA once again slipped up in their quest for the top five, however their opponents at home last Sunday were the Olympic side, unbeaten so far this season.

Olympic went about taking the points with a minimum of fuss. Steve Refenes helped himself to two good goals, the first after 27 minutes opened the scoring.

Jason Bennet, Olympic's leading scorer, added the second before the break to put the League leaders in the box seat.

Bill Adamou was unlucky not to score in the 70th minute when he hit the bar allowing Refenes to volley home the rebound.

Adamou was rewarded in the final minute to complete yet another convincing win, 4-0.

CROATIA: Vuletic, McLean, Sekulic, Alliovic, Whant, Stipic, Voloder, Grubba, Kslovic, Orlic, Tomic.

OLYMPIC: Londres (Sakson), Christ, Georgakis, Platanotis, Briggs, Oustambasidis (Lardis), Spanoudakis, Chilas, Bennett (Adamou), Genaris, Refenes.

## MARCONI 1 CANTERBURY 1

WITH the top five now confirmed to go ahead in the League at the end of the season, Marconi dropped a valuable point at home to a Canterbury side fresh from a midweek thumping at the hands of St. George.

In fact Marconi did little to impress playing against nine men for some time and 10 men for 60 minutes. The Leopards only managed to equalise a first half penalty in the last minute.

Canterbury took the lead through Michael Beris in the 35th minute, who converted from the penalty spot following a hand ball.

Palapanis and George Giannopoulos received their marching orders for serious foul play. Marconi took no advantage of the situation and although Paul Cortes snatched a point in the last minute, Marconi have played extra matches to both Croatia and Melita.

They could struggle, with their games running out, to win a semis berth.

MARCONI: Catlin, Ortega, Cortes, Agiasotis, Budwee, Curco, Budini, Caluccio, Vanegas, Lovan (Lopez), Agamemonos (Russo).

Best Players: Freddie Ortega, Brett Budwee, Paul Cortes.

CANTERBURY: G. Giannopoulos (Milhas), Diles, Ikonomopoulos, P. Giannopoulos, Palapanis, Beris, Danie, Myriallakis, Lampropoulos, Karavatsis, Georgopoulos.

## SQUADS CHOSEN

THE National Youth squad and Talent Identification team were announced at the conclusion of the championships.

It is proposed that the Youth team will train at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra during April 1988 and that the camp will culminate in a feature game between Australia and the President's XI team.

YOUTH SQUAD U18: Elizabeth Dielesen, Joanne Rooney, Julie Ryder (WA), Nicole Green, Tanya Dyer, Sarah Cooper (NT), Katrina Alexander, Sacha Wainwright, Sara King, Karen Avis, Sarah Lonsdale, Laura Fisher (ACT), Lisa Van Dorp, Karin Wil-

kinson, Katrina Barsby, Kellie Job, Toni Bashford, Jane Burgess (NSW), Kerrie Rowe, Samantha O'Brien, Kim Ketter, Leanne Augustine, Jodi Jarman (SQLD), Denise Wright, Melinda Marty, Bocky Tolan (VIC), Yvette Jaeger (NSW).

TALENT IDENTIFICATION SQUAD U15:

Cindy Morgan (WA), Jacqui Ketchell, Lee Priest, Tamika Royle (TAS), Dana Bohning (NT), Sasha Wainwright, Sara King (ACT), Joanne Ross, Cheryl Salisbury (NSW), Tanya Corbett, Peta Quail (SQLD), Kate Lunny, Quacie Bartlett, Rebecca Scott, Justine Fisher, Debbie Hyde (NSW).

Players of the Future: Debbie Farrell (WA), Susanne Van Loon (TAS), Nicole Lente (NSW), Helen Gombor, Kim Williams (ACT), Lisa Cocchetti (SQLD), Marie Bunkett (NSW).

## NSW COMBINED CATHOLIC COLLEGES

THE squad which played in the NSW Commonwealth Bank All Schools Tournament was:

D. Pratt (McCarthy); T. Krslovic (Fairfield); A. Vezos (Oakhill); S. Lombardo (Holy Cross Ryde); A. Montesano, C. McGann (Lewisham); C. Sharpley, R. Somboli (Marcellin); D. McEvoy, I. Tomic, J. Glavin (Benilde); J. Crawley, B. Voloder, B. Johnston (Parramatta); R. Kinda, D. Keally, V. Scarcella (Benedict Auburn). Coach: J. Bulmer (Parramatta).

## QUEENSLAND JUNIOR REP TEAMS

QUEENSLAND has named its squads for the under 13, 14 and 15 national championships from September 27 to October 4.

The selections were made following the recent state championships. 1 col normal

Under 13 for Murwillumbah, NSW:

Todd Strike (Far Nth Qld), Byron Darker (Nth Qld), Steven Brewington (Nth Qld), Bernard Schick (Cent Qld), Craig McConnell (Sth West Qld), Philip Cochrane (Sth Nth Qld), Andrew McKenzie (Bris Nth), Sean Cranney (Bris Nth), Craig Hodge (Nth Qld), Scott Dewar (Nth Qld), Andrew Berkman (Cent Qld), Kent Bird (Sth West Qld), Colin Mietzel (Sth Nth Qld), Rodney Huggins (Sth East Qld), Brentley Jefford (Bris Nth), Keiren Galloway (Bris Nth).

Bradley Ditton, Brett Wass, Stephen Maher, Lee Sawyer. Coach - Peter Kelly. Manager - Barry Bainbridge.

Under 14 for Devonport, Tasmania: Matthew Casey (Far North Coast), Gavin Gilroy (Nth Qld), Trent Reisenleiter (Wide Bay), Philip Lavery (Bris Nth), Darren Hillier (Bris Nth), Garth Hicks (Bris Nth), Neil Pattison (Bris Nth), Tony Delvecchio (Bris Nth), Darren Bender (Bris Nth), Jason Hassan (Sth Nth Qld), Mark Nosworthy (Nth Qld), Christopher Wood (Wide

Bay), Nicholas Stathis (Bris Nth), Scott Atanasoff (Bris Nth), Zachery Mina (Bris Nth), Martin Barr (Wide Bay), Demetri Theohari (Bris Nth), Reece James (Bris Nth), Edward Lees (Sth East Qld), Noel Brec-knell (Sth Nth Qld).

Coach - Brian Macnicol. Manager - Peter Cox. crosshead UNDER 15

Under 15 for Perth, WA: Glenn Gwynne (Far Nth Qld), Simon Kaukiainen (Far Nth Qld), Gerard Marano (Nth Qld), Richard Nicol (Central Qld), Paul Able (Sth West Qld), Troy Cranney (Bne Sth), John Covic (Bne Sth), Christos Thomas (Bne Nth), Craig Halliwell (Sth East Qld), Gregory Bell (Sth Nth Qld), Peter Hurney (Far Nth Qld), Edward Cassidy (Nth Qld), Paul Roncato (Nth Qld), Neil Sauer (Wide Bay), Chris Knight (Bne Sth), Martin Fehlberg (Bne Sth), Craig Thompson (Bne Sth), Alfredo Lasen (Sth East Qld), Michael Cristaldi (Sth Nth Qld), Darren McGrath (Sth Nth Qld).

Coach - George Pagan. Manager - John Bomben.

These squads of 20 players will be reduced to teams of 16 at the end of the state teams' training weekend to be held in Brisbane from Friday August 21 to Monday August 24.

## YOUNG WOMEN'S TITLES

## NORTHERN NSW ARE CHAMPIONS

FROM HEATHER REID

NORTHERN NSW clinched the Under 18 Australian Women's Soccer Championship in Brisbane last week despite losing to runners-up Western Australia in their final game.

Western Australia needed to win the game by at least three goals to upset the competition leaders and take the Cup to where the America's Cup once rested.

Unfortunately the WA could not get past the solid Northern defence and even though Sandra Taggart managed to score, the

West had to be content with second place.

New South Wales started the competition on a steady run, recording four draws in their first four matches. However, due to some late injuries and some determined attack from Queensland and Northern Territory, they were unable to win a game.

A much improved side from the ACT also got off to a good start, but after a heavy loss to Northern NSW (0-3), could not sustain their fight and had to be content with fourth place.

The late starter in the competition was the Northern Territory. They lost their first three games and then came back to take out two draws and one win which enabled them to move into fifth place.

Perhaps the unluckiest team in the competition was Victoria. They couldn't do a thing right despite drawing 2-2 with NSW and 1-1 with NT.

The closeness of the competition was reflected in Victoria's 1-0 loss to championship winners Northern NSW.

South Queensland, after losing to Western Australia 0-1 and Northern NSW 0-1, never looked like being a serious threat until the final two games in which they beat ACT and NSW by two goals.

### Youngsters

In the Under 15 competition, NSW soundly beat their opposition and for the first time in any national championship, Tasmania were runners-up.

The Tassie Devils recorded wins against Northern NSW and Queensland but were unable to beat the Blues.

The relatively young and inexperienced teams from Queensland and Northern NSW gained valuable knowledge.

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## RUSHY'S CORNER

# NSW JUNIOR SQUADS ANNOUNCED

THE NSW Amateur Soccer Federation hopes that its squads will perform well enough to claim a clean sweep in the national championships during the October school holidays.

The squads are as follows:

Under 13: Derek Noffke, Dario Molina, Aaron Holst, Andrew Riches, Daniel Aguilera, Frank Mazzotta, Godwin Spiteri, Sasha Ribarevski, Daniel Abercrombie, Jorge Vazquez, Christopher Mikjak, Ante Moric, Alen Stajcic, Nathan Sargent, Derek Poirer, Andrew Clements.

The squad also includes two train-on players - Craig Holmes and Garry Lees. Sasha Ribarevski, who broke an ankle while in camp has been selected in the final squad subject to him being passed as fit.

COACH: John Haynes.  
MANAGER: John Hedison.

Under 14: Matthew Curmi, Andrew French, Steven Tyerman, Tony Popovic, Robert Palazzolo, Shane Jarvis, Matthew Dihm, Paul Bourke, Adem Poric, Gary Deprato, Bradley Gambrell, Jason Golby, Michael Musitano, Jeffrey Suzor, Dean Stojkovic, Mark Schwarzer, Zeljko Kalac.

This squad has one goalkeeper to be omitted.

COACH: Ian Lloyd.  
MANAGER: Karl Posselt.

Under 15: Mark Bosnich, Manuel Refenes, Nigel Noffke, George Sorras, Robert Stanton, Patrick Bradley, Adam Ciantar, John Kakakios, Robert Chemali, Paul Souris, Tony Bojkovski, Eddie Pervan, Eddy Alilovic, Matthew Bingley, Bradley Maloney, Jason Mammone, David Seal.

One train on player has been included, Steven Labbozzetta and one goalkeeper and a field player have yet to be released.

COACH: Paul Ankudinoff.  
MANAGER: Vince Balzan.

Best of luck to all the above players and officials in their quest.

Of course whenever representative teams are selected there will be those who disagree with certain selections and many disappointed players.

Parents and players should remember that the coach wants to win the championship and therefore he is not likely to select any player unless he is certain that the player will fit in with his plans.

It should also be remembered that selection

in a state squad does not mean that a player has made it in the world of football.

In fact generally very few state players make it to the top. This is partly due to some players being selected, particularly in the younger age groups, for their physical strength.

As players grow older the slower developers gain an advantage, having played with and against physically stronger players.

With maturity, physical aspects even out and the player who has had to battle begins to find the going easier while the early

maturer loses his early advantage.

For all those players with aspirations of making it to the top, be warned there is no easy way. In the long term only those with the right attitude and heaps of determination and dedication will get there.



CENTRAL COAST ASSN U13 NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

## MACARTHUR PROGRESS

MACARTHUR's youth league squads are performing very well this season despite having two of them severely depleted during the close season.

Putting aside the setbacks and a late surge of serious injuries to the U/15 and U/16 squads, Director of Coaching Danny Himbrechts is very pleased with the progress.

The Association is at this stage fourth in the club championship, and has the U/14 squad running third with the U/16 squad making a very tightly contested top three with Croatia and Sutherland.

The U/13 squad has vastly improved as the season has progressed although it was severely depleted of talented players from its U/12 reps of last season.

The U/16 squad, given no hope at season's start, has returned some fine results through sheer determination and the will to succeed.

The Association is rich with players of the calibre who are presently competing with its youth league ranks.

The run of terrible injuries lately has seen Jon Humberstone of the U/15 squad break his leg in two places just one week after being selected to go into camp at Parklea for the U/14 state squad selection.

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## CENTENARY CUP GOES TO GLADESVILLE

GLADESVILLE-Hornsby Football Association has been awarded the Under 12 Centenary Cup tournament by the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation in the 1988 Bicentenary year.

Gladesville were the hosts of the inaugural Under 12 Centenary Cup just on 10 years ago when the Australian Soccer Federation's Junior Council decided that they would no longer hold Under 12 National titles.

The Centenary Cup forms part of the calendar of the NSWASF and

is controlled by the Competition Secretary, Mr Bill Cullinan.

The Association's postal address is: P.O. Box 223, Eastwood 2122.

The Cup tournament is open to metropolitan and interstate representative teams and those teams invited by the host association.

The tournament has always been very successful and the Soccer played is of a very high standard.

The tournament manager is Mr Ross Iredale, (Tel 02 84 6745) competition secretary of GHFA. Together with other Association members he will be responsible for the competition, accommodation and other matters.

Nominations for the tournament close 1st March, 1988.

### NSW Youth League ROUND 16

#### SUNDAY 26th JULY GROUP A

|           |   |             | U13 | U14 | U15 | U16 |
|-----------|---|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Blacktown | v | Sydney City | 3-0 | 9-0 | 2-3 | --- |
| Polonia   | v | Sutherland  | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 2-8 |
| APIA      | v | South Dists | 4-0 | 2-3 | 4-0 | 0-1 |

(R23 washed out entirely).

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#### GROUP B R8

|               |   |                   |     |      |     |      |
|---------------|---|-------------------|-----|------|-----|------|
| Avala         | v | Sutherland        | 0-1 | 1-0  | 2-2 | 1-2  |
| Nth Bankstown | v | MacArthur         | W/O |      |     |      |
| Yugal         | v | Manly             | 0-1 | 0-1  | 0-5 | 0-1  |
| Croatia       | v | Campbelltown City | 3-0 | 13-0 | 5-0 | 12-0 |
| Polonia       | v | Blacktown         | W/O |      |     |      |
| Canterbury    | v | Uruguay/Penrith   | W/O |      |     |      |
| Rockdale      | v | Bankstown         | 1-0 | 1-2  | 6-0 | Roc. |

### METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

|               |   | U12            | U11     |
|---------------|---|----------------|---------|
| Canterbury    | v | Illawarra      | 0-3 --  |
| South Dist    | v | Nepean         | 1-1 1-1 |
| Central Coast | v | Gladesville    | 2-2 1-1 |
| MacArthur     | v | Granville      | 1-2 1-3 |
| Sutherland    | v | St. George     | W/O     |
| Bathurst      | v | South and East | W/O     |
| Manly         | v | Bankstown      | No res. |

#### R7

|                |   |               |     |     |
|----------------|---|---------------|-----|-----|
| Illawarra      | v | Blacktown     | 1-0 | --- |
| Nepean         | v | Canterbury    | 4-1 | 2-1 |
| Gladesville    | v | South Dist    | 3-1 | 0-1 |
| South and East | v | MacArthur     | 2-4 | 0-3 |
| Granville      | v | Sutherland    | 2-0 | 1-0 |
| Bankstown      | v | St. George    | 0-2 | 2-1 |
| Manly          | v | Central Coast | 1-1 | --- |

NOTE: (R7 for July 29 only)

## NSW COUNTRY IN WORTHWHILE TOUR

THE NSW Country Reps performed very well on this year's tour to the north of the state and Queensland, considering the short time the players were together and the limited time the coaches had with them as individual squads.

Overall, in the five matches played by each team, country returned with the following results: 10 wins, 3 draws and 7 losses.

It must be remembered that in Queensland the teams had to play against players older than themselves due to that state having already adopted a new age change.

TOUR DETAILS: in Newcastle v MacQuarie Association. RESULTS: U/13 0-1, U/14 3-0, U/15 2-1, U/16 2-1. Goalscorers: U/14: Sam Bendeich, Michael Dagg, Fabian Lopez. U/15: Robert Beuzeville 2. U/16 Anthony Gardiner 2.

NSW COUNTRY won the challenge shield put up annually for these matches for the very first time.

STAGE TWO: In Coffs Harbour v Mid North Coast. RESULTS: U/13 2-0 (Saffie 2), U/14 2-2 (David Neal 2). U/15 5-1 (Robert Beuzeville 2, Michael Musitano, Lyndon Story, Lawrence). U/16 2-2 (Anthony Gardiner, Arn Rowland).

STAGE THREE: Matches played in Brisbane v Brisbane North and South representative squads at Annerly and North Star.

RESULTS: v Brisbane North. U/13 1-2 (Saffie). U/14 0-2. U/15 2-1 (Michael Musitano, Robert Beuzeville). U/16 4-0 (Dylon Smith 2, Gus Lopez, Arn Roland). VS Brisbane South: U/13 0-4. U/14 1-4 (Scott Wheeler). U/15 2-1 (Robert Beuzeville 2). U/16 2-3 (Luke West, Gus Lopez).

The Brisbane leg of the tour proved to be the most difficult and by this time all teams were starting to feel the effects of all the travelling. For most of the players, both matches played under lights proved to be a novelty and some did not adjust. The Johnny Warren Perpetual trophy therefore stays in Queensland for another season.

STAGE FOUR: Port MacQuarie v North NSW Country. RESULTS: U/13 0-2, U/14 2-0 (Jason Lal, Fabian Lopez). U/15 1-1 (Michael Musitano). U/16 4-2 (Dylon Smith 2, Anthony Gardiner, John Harrison).

Tour organiser Lindsay Cosgrove once again provided a tremendous itinerary for the Country Reps and his monumental task was rewarded with better results.

The added influx of the Regional Directors of Coaching pruning gifted players in the country areas prior to selection trials has paid off handsomely.

They are benefiting from the vast experience gained from better coaching facilities and strenuous competition and travel.

All this will in turn benefit the quality of play in their regions.

We have now very competitive country players who are exposed to a standard of play that has been lacking due to limited experience previously.

With this year's intake of talent we have witnessed the U/14 squad win the Tri State Tournament, defeating APIA, the ACT, and Central Coast representing Northern NSW.

As well the U/15 squad repeated their undefeated run on the northern tour this year.

To highlight the success of this squad, in two tours they have won eight matches and drawn one without loss.

The U/13 squad performed very well although not registering as many victories as the boys tried hard for, but one must remember that this is their first outing and the experience will see them come back next year to carry on the fine efforts already posted.

The U/16 squad showed a marked improvement when they tripled their efforts of previous tours posting three wins, one draw and one loss.

Tour Officials: Co-Ordinator: Lindsay Cosgrove. Trainer: Frank Wilson. U/13 Coach: Vic Rentovetski, Manager: Geoff Crawford. U/14 Coach: Danny Himbrechts. Manager: Lindsay Cosgrove. U/15 Coach: Keith Healy. Manager: Max Patton. U/16 Coach: David Ahern. Manager: John Smith.

The country reps are very thankful for the services of Frank Wilson for being a great contributing factor in getting the players on the park in peak condition.

— DAVID HIMBRECHTS

## ADRIATIC YOUTH LEAGUE

### ROUND 24 SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST

#### GROUP A

|                |   |                |                |
|----------------|---|----------------|----------------|
| Marconi        | v | APIA           | Marconi No.2   |
| Sydney Olympic | v | Blacktown City | Pratten Park   |
| Central Coast  | v | St George      | Bill Plum Mem. |
| Nepean         | v | Melita         | Cook Park      |
| Gladesville    | v | Illawarra      | Pioneer Park   |
| Sydney City    | v | Can/Marrick    | Syd. Athletic  |
| Ku-ring-gai    | v | Stn Districts  | Golden Jubilee |

#### GROUP B

|             |   |               |               |
|-------------|---|---------------|---------------|
| Sutherland  | v | Nth Bankstown | Bates Drive   |
| Manly       | v | MacArthur     | Cromer Park   |
| C'town City | v | Avala         | Lynwood Park  |
| Croatia     | v | Polonia       | Jensen Park   |
| Uruguay/Pen | v | Blacktown     | Mona Park     |
| Bankstown   | v | Canterbury    | Memorial Oval |
| Yugal       | v | Rockdale      | Jellicoe Park |

## NEW SOUTH WALES

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# NEW SOUTH WALES

## STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE

|                                      | 1st  | 2nd |
|--------------------------------------|------|-----|
| Ku-ring-gai v Canberra City          | 0-1  | 1-1 |
| Inter Monaro v Cant. M'ville City    | 12-0 | P/P |
| Manly W'Gah v Blacktown City         | P/P  | 1-4 |
| Uruguayan Penrith v Wollongong Mac   | 3-0  | 1-4 |
| Melita Eagles v Rockdale Ilinden     | 3-1  | 0-2 |
| Wollongong City v Warringah F/Water  | 2-0  | 0-2 |
| Sutherland Shire v Newcastle Rosebud | 2-1  | 1-0 |

|                                       | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Campbelltown City v Nth Syd. Artarmon | 1-3 | 1-0 | 6-0 |
| Queens Park v Polonia                 | P/P | P/P | P/P |
| Bathurst '75 v Sydney Maccabi         | 0-1 | 4-0 | 7-0 |
| Dee Why v Fairy Meadow                | 0-3 | 5-3 | 4-2 |
| Avala v Gladesville Hby               | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 |
| Blacktown United v SSC Yugal          | P/P | P/P | P/P |
| Kingsford Helenic v Nth Bankstown     | P/P | P/P | P/P |
| Queens Park v Campbelltown            | P/P | P/P | P/P |

|                                      | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| King Tomislav v Moorebank L'pool     | P/P | P/P | P/P |
| Blacktown United v Campbelltown Dist | 0-6 | 0-4 | 3-1 |
| Baulkham Hills v West United         | P/P | P/P | P/P |
| Concordia v Port Hacking             | 4-0 | 0-2 | 5-3 |
| Canterbury v Granville Chile         | 0-5 | 2-2 | 1-0 |
| Uni of NSW v Mt Druitt Town          | 1-0 | 0-2 | 1-6 |
| Bondi Marine v Rooty Hill            | 2-3 | 0-3 | 4-2 |

|                                | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Hawkesbury Dist v Dulwich Hill | 0-1 | 0-2 | 0-0 |
| Padstow Park v Eastwood S/A    | 1-2 | 0-3 | 0-0 |
| Pagewood v Fairfield Kiv       | 3-1 | 9-1 | 0-0 |
| Nineveh Eagles v Sydney Uni    | 0-2 | 2-0 | 0-0 |
| West St George v Rosebery      | P/P | P/P | P/P |
| Spanish Club v Chelsea         | 1-4 | 0-0 | 0-0 |

|                                  | 1st | 2nd  | 3rd |
|----------------------------------|-----|------|-----|
| Welcome Sports v Maroubra        | 2-1 | 2-1  | 2-0 |
| Liverpool City v Wentworth       | 2-1 | 2-0  | 2-0 |
| Chile Sports v Transandinos      | 2-2 | 2-3  | 2-0 |
| Greenland v Macquarie Uni        | 4-0 | 0-10 | 0-0 |
| Haberfeld Peru v Concord Juniors | 0-3 | 0-10 | 0-0 |
| Rangers Hajduk v CSI Schofields  | 4-0 | 1-1  | 0-0 |

|                                   | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Castle Hill v Murray Arm          | P/P | P/P | P/P |
| Cyprus United v Crescent Star     | 2-4 | 1-0 | 1-2 |
| Argentinian v Abruzzi             | 1-4 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Blacktown Wanderers v Lansvale    | 2-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 |
| Petersham v Lithgow               | P/P | P/P | P/P |
| Macedonia Yag. v Lithgow Workmens | P/P | P/P | P/P |
| SSC Zagreb v Petersham            | P/P | P/P | P/P |

|                                | 1st        | 2nd | 3rd |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----|-----|
| Orange Waratah v Alexander     | 2-2        | 1-0 | 0-0 |
| Arcliff RSL v Chullora         | 6-0        | 3-2 | 0-0 |
| Lebanon v Cobreloa             | not played | 1-0 | 0-0 |
| Hellas v Assyrian              | 2-1        | 1-0 | 0-0 |
| Mt Pritchard v Prospect United | 2-1        | 1-0 | 0-0 |
| Greystanes v Liverpool Olympic | 4-2        | 4-0 | 0-0 |
| Luddenham Croatia v Cobreloa   | 5-0        | 1-3 | 0-0 |

## STATE LEAGUE DIV 3 GR 1

|             | P  | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
|-------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| G-Chile     | 19 | 12 | 4 | 3  | 59 | 15 | 28  |
| West Ut     | 19 | 12 | 2 | 5  | 45 | 24 | 26  |
| Uni of NSW  | 19 | 12 | 2 | 5  | 45 | 24 | 26  |
| Rooty Hill  | 20 | 10 | 4 | 6  | 40 | 24 | 24  |
| Concordia   | 20 | 10 | 4 | 6  | 38 | 27 | 24  |
| Mt Druitt   | 20 | 8  | 7 | 5  | 23 | 14 | 23  |
| C'belltown  | 20 | 7  | 8 | 5  | 35 | 23 | 22  |
| Pt Hacking  | 20 | 10 | 1 | 9  | 32 | 33 | 21  |
| Baulk Hills | 19 | 7  | 4 | 8  | 27 | 26 | 18  |
| Bondi-Mar   | 19 | 5  | 5 | 9  | 31 | 32 | 15  |
| K. Tomislav | 19 | 6  | 3 | 10 | 31 | 54 | 15  |
| Moorebank   | 17 | 3  | 6 | 8  | 20 | 27 | 12  |
| Canterbury  | 20 | 4  | 1 | 15 | 20 | 75 | 9   |
| Nth Ryde    | 19 | 4  | 1 | 14 | 14 | 58 | 7   |

## STATE LEAGUE DIV 3 GR 2

|             | P  | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
|-------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Rooty Hill  | 20 | 14 | 5 | 1  | 71 | 18 | 33  |
| C'belltown  | 20 | 14 | 5 | 1  | 45 | 14 | 33  |
| Baulk Hills | 19 | 14 | 2 | 3  | 59 | 23 | 30  |
| West Ut     | 19 | 9  | 6 | 4  | 39 | 22 | 24  |
| Bondi Mar   | 19 | 10 | 4 | 5  | 38 | 28 | 24  |
| N Ryde      | 19 | 10 | 2 | 7  | 48 | 29 | 22  |
| Moorebank   | 17 | 9  | 2 | 6  | 36 | 24 | 20  |
| G-Chile     | 19 | 8  | 3 | 8  | 41 | 29 | 19  |
| K. Tomislav | 19 | 5  | 4 | 10 | 22 | 37 | 14  |
| Mt Druitt   | 20 | 4  | 5 | 11 | 23 | 53 | 13  |
| Uni NSW     | 19 | 5  | 3 | 11 | 23 | 51 | 10  |
| Pt Hacking  | 20 | 4  | 2 | 14 | 19 | 51 | 10  |
| Canterbury  | 19 | 4  | 1 | 15 | 25 | 67 | 9   |
| Concordia   | 20 | 2  | 2 | 16 | 11 | 66 | 6   |

## STATE LEAGUE DIV 3 GR 3

|             | P  | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
|-------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Bondi Mar   | 19 | 13 | 6 | 0  | 43 | 15 | 32  |
| Baulk Hills | 19 | 12 | 6 | 1  | 37 | 7  | 30  |
| Mt Druitt   | 20 | 10 | 4 | 3  | 36 | 15 | 30  |
| Rooty Hill  | 20 | 13 | 4 | 3  | 50 | 34 | 24  |
| West Ut     | 19 | 8  | 4 | 7  | 31 | 26 | 20  |
| K. Tomislav | 19 | 6  | 8 | 5  | 24 | 20 | 20  |
| Pt Hacking  | 20 | 6  | 7 | 7  | 21 | 28 | 19  |
| N Ryde      | 19 | 6  | 5 | 8  | 36 | 35 | 17  |
| C'belltown  | 19 | 6  | 5 | 8  | 28 | 30 | 17  |
| Moorebank   | 20 | 7  | 3 | 10 | 21 | 29 | 17  |
| G-Chile     | 17 | 4  | 5 | 8  | 17 | 28 | 13  |
| K. Tomislav | 19 | 5  | 4 | 10 | 22 | 37 | 14  |
| Mt Druitt   | 20 | 4  | 5 | 11 | 23 | 53 | 13  |
| Uni NSW     | 19 | 5  | 3 | 11 | 23 | 51 | 10  |
| Pt Hacking  | 20 | 4  | 2 | 14 | 19 | 51 | 10  |
| Canterbury  | 19 | 4  | 1 | 15 | 25 | 67 | 9   |
| Concordia   | 20 | 2  | 2 | 16 | 11 | 66 | 6   |

## NSW YOUTH LEAGUE POINTS

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION A

#### (To July 26)

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| APIA 84, 128, Marconi 87, 128, Blacktown City 83, 116, Syd Olympic 82, 108, Melita 83, 101, St George 88, 100, Illawarra 80, 73, Canterbury 87, 71, Central Coast 83, 66, Southern Districts 88, 70, Nepean 83, 62, Sydney City 88, 60, Ku-ring-gai 80, 52, Gladesville 85, 47.       |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |
| <b>DIVISION B.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |
| Croatia 92, 161, Sutherland 92, 126, Canterbury 88, 115, Macarthur 88, 103, Blacktown 88, 102, Manly Warringah 92, 102, Polonia 87, 101, North Bankstown 88, 90, Avala 92, 84, Uruguayan Penrith 88, 77, Bankstown 92, 72, Rockdale 92, 68, Campbelltown 92, 31, SSC Yugal 91, 30.    |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |
| <b>DIVISION C.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |
| Sutherland 92, 161, Sutherland 92, 126, Canterbury 88, 115, Macarthur 88, 103, Blacktown 88, 102, Manly Warringah 92, 102, Polonia 87, 101, North Bankstown 88, 90, Avala 92, 84, Uruguayan Penrith 88, 77, Bankstown 92, 72, Rockdale 92, 68, Campbelltown 92, 31, SSC Yugal 91, 30. |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |

## NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

|             | P  | W  | D  | L  | F | A | Pts |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|---|---|-----|
| Marconi     | 22 | 59 | 21 | 38 |   |   |     |
| Blacktown C | 20 | 60 | 12 | 35 |   |   |     |

|            |    |    |     |    |
|------------|----|----|-----|----|
| Nth B'town | 22 | 20 | 44  | 15 |
| Sutherland | 23 | 22 | 46  | 15 |
| Yugal      | 23 | 8  | 109 | 2  |

## U14 DIV B

|            |    |     |     |    |
|------------|----|-----|-----|----|
| Croatia    | 23 | 108 | 3   | 46 |
| Sutherland | 23 | 40  | 13  | 36 |
| Bankstown  | 23 | 49  | 19  | 34 |
| Macarthur  | 22 | 54  | 23  | 31 |
| Manly      | 23 | 32  | 17  | 28 |
| Canterbury | 22 | 35  | 33  | 26 |
| Uruguay    | 22 | 37  | 25  | 21 |
| Polonia    | 22 | 29  | 39  | 18 |
| Yugal      | 23 | 23  | 48  | 16 |
| Nth B'town | 22 | 23  | 45  | 15 |
| Blacktown  | 22 | 16  | 34  | 15 |
| Rockdale   | 23 | 24  | 46  | 14 |
| Avala      | 23 | 25  | 61  | 13 |
| C'town C   | 23 | 11  | 100 | 3  |

## U13 DIV B

|            |    |     |     |    |
|------------|----|-----|-----|----|
| Canterbury | 22 | 120 | 17  | 41 |
| Croatia    | 23 | 73  | 21  | 36 |
| Sutherland | 23 | 61  | 19  | 35 |
| Polonia    | 22 | 52  | 15  | 33 |
| Nth B'town | 22 | 48  | 23  | 30 |
| Manly      | 23 | 36  | 33  | 27 |
| Blacktown  | 22 | 40  | 29  | 24 |
| Macarthur  | 22 | 44  | 43  | 22 |
| Bankstown  | 23 | 30  | 42  | 17 |
| Uruguay    | 22 | 24  | 45  | 14 |
| Avala      | 23 | 31  | 79  | 14 |
| Rockdale   | 23 | 26  | 67  | 12 |
| C'town C   | 23 | 18  | 82  | 8  |
| Yugal      | 23 | 12  | 100 | 3  |

## NSL YOUTH LEAGUE

### NORTH

|            | P  | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
|------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Olympic    | 14 | 13 | 1 | 0  | 49 | 6  | 27  |
| St George  | 14 | 10 | 2 | 2  | 53 | 12 | 22  |
| Apia       | 12 | 8  | 3 | 1  | 35 | 5  | 19  |
| Marconi    | 15 | 8  | 1 | 6  | 42 | 24 | 17  |
| Croatia    | 14 | 7  | 2 | 5  | 39 | 19 | 16  |
| Melita     | 12 | 8  | 0 | 4  | 19 | 15 | 16  |
| Manly      | 14 | 4  | 2 | 8  | 19 | 45 | 10  |
| Sutherland | 13 | 3  | 3 | 7  | 16 | 22 | 9   |
| Uruguay    | 13 | 1  | 1 | 10 | 10 | 31 | 5   |
| Canterbury | 13 | 1  | 3 | 9  | 6  | 38 | 5   |
| Warringah  | 14 | 1  | 0 | 13 | 4  | 71 | 2   |

## Leading Scorers

|                                                      |                                              |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 20: Zoran Ilic (St. George)                          | 14: Chris Ackley (Marconi)                   |
| 12: Tony Krslovic (Croatia), Jason Bennett (Olympic) | 10: Joe Russo (Marconi), Tony Parison (Apia) |

**Next week's matches:**  
SAT: 1/8/87 St George v Uruguay at St George Stadium 2.00 pm. SUN: 2/8/87 Manly v Sutherland at Seymour Shaw Park 10.40am, Canterbury v Warringah at Arlington Oval 10.40am, APIA v Croatia at Lambert Park 12.15pm, Melita v Olympic at St George Stadium 12.15pm.

## RESULTS

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| 27/7/87 St. George 10 (Z. Ilic 4, S. Hatt, C. Soued) Canterbury 0, 26/7/87 Olympic 4 (S. Refenes 2, J. Bennett, B. Adamou) Croatia 0, Uruguay 3 (R. Rossini, L. Ulloa, A. Disciano), Manly 2 (B. Willis, R. Greaves), Marconi 1 (P. Cortes) Canterbury 1 (M. Beris). |  |
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## ACT LEAGUE

**Division 1:** Tuggeranong United 2 Croatia Deakin 2, Canberra City Olympians 3 Concordia Canberra 2, Belconnen United 1 Juventus 2, Narabundah 1 CCAE 4.

**Division 2:** ANU 3 Canberra City 0, Queanbeyan City 1, Canberra City 1, Weston Creek 6 International 2, ADFA 3.

**Division 3:** Cooma 1 Wanderers 0, Tuggeranong United 0 ANU 0, RMC 1 Dickson Old Boys 2.

**Division 4:** Belconnen United 1 North Canberra Jets 0, ADFA 1 Tuggeranong United 8, Belconnen 1, Belconnen 5, Hawks 5 Latin Americans 1.

**Division 5:** Cooma 2 Wanderers 0.

**Division 6:** Belconnen United 1 North Canberra Jets 4, Belconnen 3 Condors 3, RMC 0 Weston Creek 7.

**Reserves - Division 1:** Tuggeranong United 2 Croatia Deakin 3, Canberra City Olympians 0 Concordia Canberra 1, Belconnen United 1 Juventus 1, Narabundah 0 CCAE 3.

**Reserves - Division 2:** ANU 8 Canberra United 0, Queanbeyan City 1 Canberra City 2, Weston Creek 6 International 0, Condors 1 ADFA 3.

**Youth - Division 2:** Inter Monaro 3 ADFA A 0, Belconnen United A 2 Juventus 1, ADFA B 2 Belconnen United B 2.

**Lyons Church of Christ** 11 St Matthews 3, Capital Bible Church 2 St Margarets 0, Central Belconnen United 1 St Johns 0.

# NEW SOUTH WALES

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## VICTORIA

### STATE LEAGUE

#### RESERVES

|                 |    |    |   |    |    |    |    |
|-----------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| Maribymong      | 20 | 14 | 2 | 4  | 61 | 23 | 30 |
| Morwell Falcons | 19 | 10 | 5 | 4  | 39 | 22 | 25 |
| St Albans       | 20 | 11 | 3 | 6  | 50 | 37 | 25 |
| Box Hill        | 20 | 9  | 7 | 4  | 46 | 26 | 23 |
| Broadmeadows    | 18 | 11 | 1 | 6  | 42 | 26 | 23 |
| Green Gully     | 20 | 9  | 4 | 7  | 41 | 24 | 22 |
| Croydon City    | 18 | 7  | 8 | 3  | 37 | 26 | 22 |
| Fawkner         | 19 | 9  | 4 | 6  | 38 | 34 | 22 |
| Thornhill       | 19 | 8  | 4 | 7  | 30 | 28 | 20 |
| Northcote City  | 19 | 5  | 8 | 6  | 37 | 40 | 18 |
| Caullfield City | 20 | 8  | 2 | 10 | 51 | 60 | 18 |
| Western Subs    | 20 | 5  | 3 | 12 | 43 | 57 | 13 |
| Springvale City | 19 | 4  | 3 | 12 | 26 | 41 | 11 |
| Frankston Pines | 19 | 4  | 2 | 13 | 31 | 71 | 10 |
| Oakleigh        | 18 | 1  | 2 | 15 | 23 | 65 | 4  |

#### VIC ONE

|                |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Don City       | 18 | 13 | 2  | 3  | 30 | 9  | 28 |
| Bulleen        | 18 | 13 | 2  | 3  | 26 | 10 | 28 |
| Sunbury Utd.   | 18 | 11 | 4  | 3  | 29 | 14 | 26 |
| Altona Gate    | 18 | 9  | 4  | 5  | 27 | 15 | 22 |
| Albion Rovers  | 18 | 10 | 2  | 6  | 27 | 12 | 21 |
| Essendon City  | 18 | 8  | 5  | 5  | 32 | 21 | 21 |
| Nth Dandenong  | 18 | 10 | 1  | 7  | 26 | 17 | 21 |
| Knox City      | 18 | 8  | 4  | 6  | 25 | 20 | 20 |
| Werrimbee      | 18 | 4  | 8  | 6  | 16 | 18 | 16 |
| Richmond       | 18 | 1  | 10 | 7  | 12 | 29 | 12 |
| SM Mordialloc  | 18 | 3  | 5  | 10 | 18 | 31 | 11 |
| Traralgon City | 18 | 2  | 6  | 10 | 13 | 24 | 10 |
| South Pkrs     | 18 | 3  | 3  | 12 | 14 | 37 | 9  |
| Werrimbee      | 18 | 1  | 4  | 13 | 7  | 40 | 6  |

|               |    |   |   |    |    |     |    |
|---------------|----|---|---|----|----|-----|----|
| RESERVES      |    |   |   |    |    |     |    |
| Bellarat      | 17 | 9 | 7 | 7  | 41 | 29  | 19 |
| Greensborough | 16 | 8 | 2 | 6  | 34 | 39  | 18 |
| Regent        | 16 | 6 | 2 | 8  | 30 | 33  | 14 |
| Brighton      | 17 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 24 | 39  | 19 |
| Central City  | 17 | 1 | 4 | 12 | 12 | 60  | 5  |
| Chelsea       | 17 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 18 | 106 | 5  |
| East Geelong  | 17 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 33 | 66  | 2  |

|                 |    |    |   |   |    |    |    |
|-----------------|----|----|---|---|----|----|----|
| PROV TWO        |    |    |   |   |    |    |    |
| Westmeadows     | 18 | 11 | 6 | 1 | 48 | 22 | 21 |
| Mossfield       | 18 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 38 | 18 | 22 |
| Brunswick City  | 18 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 33 | 24 | 21 |
| Ascot Vale City | 17 | 10 | 4 | 3 | 39 | 21 | 21 |
| Cranbourne      | 18 | 9  | 4 | 5 | 36 | 22 | 22 |
| Sth Yarra       | 18 | 9  | 3 | 6 | 34 | 25 | 22 |



## TASMANIA

**Details:** Croatia-Glenorchy 2 (T. Basic, Huigslot) White Eagles 2 (Stoddart, O'Brien), Juventus-Pioneer 4 (Broadhouse 2, Pace, Di Martino) Caledonians 0, Olympia-WPL 7 (Goldsmith 3, Crosson, Hey, Sherman, own goal) Rapid 1 (Koch).

**Leading Goalscorers:** 26 R. Leszczynski (White Eagles), 20 Pace (Juventus), 18 Xanthopoulos (Olympia-WPL), 14 A. Leszczynski (White Eagles), 12 Stoddart (White Eagles), Broadhouse (Juventus), McIntyre (Croatia), 11 Goldsmith (Olympia).

## TASMANIAN CADBURY STATE LEAGUE

|             |    |    |   |    |    |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| White Eag.  | 17 | 13 | 2 | 2  | 67 | 21 | 28 |
| Oly-WPL     | 16 | 12 | 1 | 3  | 62 | 15 | 25 |
| Juve-P      | 17 | 11 | 3 | 3  | 53 | 26 | 25 |
| Croatia-G   | 17 | 9  | 5 | 3  | 50 | 23 | 23 |
| Cal'ians    | 17 | 5  | 1 | 11 | 20 | 45 | 11 |
| *Hobart C-A | 14 | 4  | 1 | 9  | 14 | 48 | 9  |
| Rapid       | 16 | 2  | 1 | 13 | 15 | 57 | 5  |
| Howrah      | 16 | 1  | 2 | 13 | 14 | 60 | 4  |

(\*Suspended from League until outcome of TSA hearing.)

## PEPSI YOUTH LEAGUE

|              |    |    |   |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| White Eagles | 12 | 10 | 1 | 4  | 40 | 5  | 21 |
| Oly-WPL      | 11 | 7  | 2 | 28 | 10 | 16 | 16 |
| Juventus     | 11 | 5  | 3 | 30 | 18 | 13 | 13 |
| Croatia-G    | 12 | 4  | 3 | 5  | 16 | 24 | 11 |
| Howrah       | 11 | 4  | 2 | 5  | 17 | 20 | 10 |
| Caledonians  | 12 | 3  | 3 | 6  | 16 | 27 | 9  |
| Hobart City  | 11 | 2  | 2 | 7  | 16 | 37 | 6  |
| Rapid        | 12 | 1  | 4 | 7  | 16 | 38 | 6  |

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

### EMU EXPORT STATE LEAGUE

|             |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Stirling    | 16 | 12 | 1  | 3  | 37 | 18 | 37 |
| Perth Azz   | 16 | 11 | 2  | 3  | 36 | 21 | 35 |
| Floreat     | 16 | 9  | 4  | 3  | 43 | 21 | 31 |
| Kway Ol     | 16 | 10 | 1  | 5  | 23 | 13 | 31 |
| Spearwood   | 16 | 8  | 3  | 5  | 37 | 22 | 27 |
| E.F. mantle | 16 | 7  | 2  | 7  | 25 | 25 | 23 |
| Gosnells C  | 16 | 5  | 5  | 6  | 19 | 20 | 20 |
| B'water Int | 15 | 6  | 2  | 7  | 23 | 29 | 20 |
| C'burn U    | 16 | 6  | 1  | 10 | 18 | 42 | 16 |
| Ingleswood  | 15 | 3  | 3  | 9  | 15 | 25 | 12 |
| Osborne Pk  | 16 | 3  | 2  | 11 | 14 | 37 | 11 |
| Balga       | 16 | 2  | 12 | 19 | 34 | 8  |    |

### SECOND DIVISION

|             |    |    |   |   |    |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|---|---|----|----|----|
| Sorrento    | 15 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 45 | 18 | 39 |
| Balcatta    | 16 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 31 | 16 | 35 |
| N Perth Cro | 16 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 40 | 19 | 33 |
| Fremantle   | 16 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 35 | 20 | 33 |
| Bass'dean   | 16 | 7  | 4 | 5 | 26 | 20 | 26 |
| Kelmscott   | 16 | 6  | 2 | 8 | 28 | 39 | 20 |

## GET RID OF BASH

WE have heard a lot from some well meaning people in Australian soccer on how it should be run and improved. However after 25-30 years since the Baumgartner-Ninaus days, the standard of our soccer has not improved one little bit.

It saddened me to watch poor old Australia battle it out with some third world Soccer countries, so incompetently in the recent President's Cup in Seoul.

Egypt and South Korea played a delightful and skilful game a class or two higher than ours. Our performance had nothing for the Soccer-loving public to rejoice in, or for Australia to be proud of.

Our team played a rough and tough, push and pull game, some of the behaviour disgraced the game and did a disservice to the sporting credibility of our country.

Why do we nurture this kind of Soccer?

The voice of the Australian Soccer public is screaming out loudly and clearly; give us skilful and technical Soccer as was so vividly shown by past visits of great skilful teams such as Cosmos.

We all know that if we wish to develop skilful Soccer, we must have coaches who can teach skill, writers who know what skill is, administrators who are capable and willing to work towards achieving that goal, and most of all, referees who

know the rules of the game, and who will implement those rules as they are meant to be.

Let's consider our coaches. Soccer has no money, so we import cheap European coaches, and get a cheap inferior product in return. We spend millions on our national team, so why don't we get a top coach?

Three chief proponents of crude and rough soccer I say, are Eddie Thomson, Frank Arok and Rale Rasic. Thomson as we know, was a coach of a very fine club which "went to the dogs". The number of Soccer lovers willing to watch his kind of Soccer is luckily very small. He will no doubt do the same with Sydney Olympic.

Greeks like clean skilful Soccer, but will tolerate anything as long as their team is winning. Once Olympic loses a few matches, fans will quickly show their dissatisfaction with his style.

Thomson won some glory for himself with what I consider crude tactics, but in the end, only Soccer itself and the fans are the losers.

No doubt he has influenced Arok to adopt a crude incongruous system. Not that Arok needs much encouragement, as he himself is leading another once prosperous club "to the dogs".

Even the staunchest St George supporters are unhappy with the rugged way his team are playing.

The public's rejection of Arok's rough system of

stances 2 Kingsgrove Olympians 0.

Aug 9: Hornsby Hts v Winston Hills, Shoalhaven B v Greystanes.

### U18 STATE CUP

Kingsgrove Ol 3 East Bankstown 1, West Pennant Hills 2 Colo Colo 1, Pendle Hill A 3 Sydney Utd 0, Eastwood St Andrews 3 St George Ol 2.

Aug 9: Kingsgrove Ol v West Pennant Hills, Pendle Hill A v Eastwood St Andrews.

### U21 ROBERTSON TROPHY

St Christophers 3 Engadine Eagles 2, East Bankstown 3 CPYC 0, Lilli Pili B 2 Panania 0, Wahroonga 2 Epping Eastwood 1.

Aug 9: St Christophers v East Bankstown, Lilli Pili B v Wahroonga.

### AUSTRALLOYD AMATEUR CUP

Epping YMCA 2 Engadine Eagles 1, Carringah Rangers 1 Nth Bankstown 0, Sylvania Hts 2 Carlton Rovers 1, Menai Hawks 4 Grays Pt Jun 0.

Aug 9: Epping YMCA v Carringbah Rangers, Sylvania Hts v Menai Hawks.

### NSW WOMEN

Putney Town 3 Epping-Eastwood 0, Parramatta City 1 Manly W 0, Page-wood 3 Blacktown Ass 1. Reserve Grade: Putney Town 2 Epping-Eastwood 2, Parramatta City 1 Manly W 1, Blacktown 2 Page-wood 0.

## NSW SCHOOLS

THE NSW Combined Independent Schools squad competing at Valentine Park in the Commonwealth Bank NSW All Schools Championships is:

S. Culo (Waverley College), A. Staib (St Aloysius College), R. Wicks (Barker College), J. Vieusseux (Barker College), D. Roberts (St Josephs College) (v-c), M. Mason (Barker College) (c), M. Harold (Knox Grammar), W. Turpin (Knox Grammar), M. Kevers (St Aloysius College), A. Hinchcliff (The King's School), R. Mendes (Waverley College), D. Carey (St Josephs College), B. Munro (Sydney Grammar), P. Moss (Shore), D. Bird (Cranbrook).

## NSW WOMEN

### PAGEWOOD IN

BY TERESE DILLON

PAGEWOOD had a resounding 3-1 victory over Blacktown City in a match that Pagewood needed to win to hold on to second position in the league.

Julie Dolan was in devastating form and was rewarded for her performance with a hat-trick. The first goal was from

the penalty and she made no mistake. Second goal came from some great work by Kim Lembyrk who put Julie through. Her third goal came from a good Pagewood buildup with Chris Bradley assisting Julie for a hat-trick.

With the form Julie Dolan and Kim Lembyrk displayed in the match it is no wonder that they have been a permanent fixture in the New South Wales state team and national team for so long.

Blacktown were rewarded with a penalty in the second half with Dalys Carmody scoring from the spot.

Parramatta City had a 1-0 win over Manly. Manly always put up tough resistance which has shown in their results all year.

Putney Town cruised to a 3-0 win over Epping-Eastwood. Putney have been the form team of the competition, and there is little or no chance of them losing their hold as leaders of the league.

### RESERVE GRADE:

PAGEWOOD as the saying goes were "gal-lent in defeat" in their match against Blacktown City. They went down 2-0, but fielding only seven players the odds were always against them.

Epping-Eastwood squandered a commanding 2-0 lead over Putney by allowing them back into the match with two soft goals. Putney had to call

on a number of first grade players to try and retrieve the match and managed to get a draw.

MANLY and Parramatta City had a one all draw in a very tough encounter. A number of injuries were sustained in the match which was an indication of how tough it really was.

## POINTERS

FROM ANDY KUN

ACCORDING to Montecuccoli's philosophy, the three most important ingredients of war are: money, money and money. Transposing this philosophy to Soccer, one could say: money, publicity and ambition.

Despite this, it is still only a sport which needs to be entertaining, otherwise it will inevitably decline towards oblivion!

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A GERMAN Soccer magazine, which I regard very highly, wrote about the recent tour of Britain by the Brazilians making the point that "the ball jugglers triumphed over the hard working tradesmen".

I cannot agree with this comment, I fail to see anything derogatory in the description of "tradesmen". Why should we look down on someone who learns the trade of Soccer? The so-called "jugglers" sometimes mistake the Soccer ground for a circus ring and it would not go astray, if we gave this some consideration as well.

I also wish to answer the question posed by the famous Dutch Soccer star Johan Cruyff: "Anyway, what are the requirements of entertaining Soccer?". In my view, the answer is, when we are winning!

And, remember the recent golden years of the Australian National team?

## JOHNNY WARREN DINNER TICKETS

THE Saints next week, (Thursday, August 6th) will be holding a special dinner to acknowledge Johnny Warren's achievements in Australian Soccer.

It will be held at the Club's social premises, Soccer House, Victoria Ave, Mordialloc next Thursday.

Many Soccer personalities, former international players, press, coaches, officials and supporters will be there.

The guests will dine on a three course dinner and be entertained by that top-liner and keen Soccer student, Mr Brian "Ripper" Doyle, Australia's well-known club and television comedian.

ASW readers wishing to attend must contact Ms Faye Kirsty for tickets now, by telephoning the St George Budapest Soccer Club on 02-579 6843.

Tickets are very limited and cost \$25.00.

# LETTERS

Write to the ASW Editor C/o P.O. Box 406 Broadway NSW 2007

course.

So get out there with the whistle, take all the abuse that is hurled at you, find out the hard way how extremely difficult our job is. You will never gripe again!

But as has often been said "the best referees are on the terraces".

How can anybody please everybody? Soccer forever!

John Best,  
Bass Hill 2197.

### RUSHY

I ENJOY reading ASW, and I haven't missed buying a copy since it came out more widely in Melbourne. I even have each copy that I bought in my desk at home.

What I am concerned about is that there is no information on youngsters and the Victorian Youth League.

The paper has a NSW Amateur Federation page on New South Wales, up coming youngsters and youth league players, but none for Victoria.

I think this is an interesting part of your paper and I hope you can include something about the Victorians.

Please make an effort by contacting the Victorian Soccer Federation and ask for all details on the Youth League, which include team sheets and results. Please print them like the NSW Youth League is printed. Also use a Victorian youngster in Rushy's future star.

Believe me, that a lot of youngsters buy ASW and want to find out information about teenagers.

I'm 17 years old and interested in the Youth League in particular.

I'm not criticising ASW, but when we in Victoria don't know who Zoran Ilic and Joe Russo are so it is not much use to us.

I haven't got anything against these players because I admire them because they play in the New South Wales Youth League.

Bill Stergiou,  
Reservoir 3073.

[Dear Bill — Thank you for your concern.

Firstly the NW Amateur Soccer Federation Ltd negotiated special arrangements with ASW to produce their page each week. They are a huge organisation with 130,000 registered players.

Thanks to an enthusiast we receive the NSL Youth League reports.

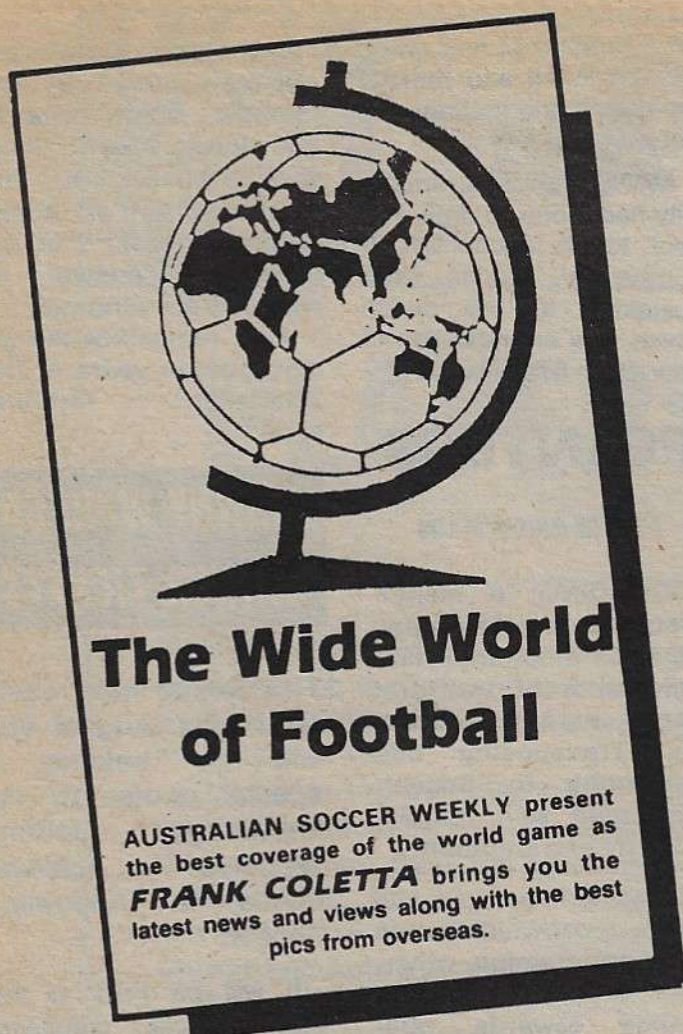
The Victorian Soccer Federation negotiated with us to produce their senior and junior tables and results.

They provide the NSL South Y.L. results and table for us along with the others. We will keep the position under review, as we wish to be as even handed as circumstances allow.

Junior writer "Rushy" has approached people in all states seeking profiles of some of their youngsters.

We can assure you that they will be printed as they come to hand. — Ed]





## LUTON SET FOR COURT OVER BAN ON PLASTIC PITCH

LUTON Town has taken legal action against the English Football Association for its ban on FA Cup matches on Kenilworth Road's plastic pitch.

It has issued an injunction against the FA, claiming that the sanction was taken in secret, with the club being denied the chance to defend itself, and that it is unfair and discriminating.

The matter seems likely to end up in court. FA secretary, Mr Ted Croker, said: "You can take it as read that it will be defender vigorously."

• **TOTTENHAM** Hotspur and Manchester United are ready to swoop for England striker Peter Beardsley, if his British record (\$4m) move to Liverpool breaks down.

Both have made inquiries for the talented 26-year-old, who is refusing to leave Newcastle until he receives a loyalty bonus of (\$106,000) from them.

If he does go, Newcastle will look to Chelsea for his replacement — either unsettled Scotland striker David Speedie or England forward Kerry Dixon.

But they will face competition for both as Scottish premier division club Celtic is interested in Speedie, while Arsenal and Scottish champion Rangers are tracking Dixon.

Dixon is valued at a \$2 million by Chelsea, and if it continues to insist on this price — too high for Arsenal and Rangers — the Glasgow club will probably go for Watford's Mark Falco.

Spanish club Osasuna are trailing Queen's Park Rangers' Sammy Lee, the former England midfielder, and Gary Bannister.

### Pom power

FRENCH football now has a distinct British flavour with a horde of Brits flooding in. Transfers include Englishmen Glenn Hoddle (Monaco), Mark Hateley (Monaco) and Ray Wilkins (Paris St Germain), Scotsmen Mo Johnston (Nantes) and Eric Black (Metz) and Northern Ireland's George O'Boyle (Bordeaux).

### Coach slammed

ARGENTINE World Cup star Claudio Borghi believes his national coach Carlos Bilardo's Soccer style is boring. He said the coach only wanted "robots" who do what they're told.

### Paolo on target

BRAZILIAN striker Paulo Cesar, transferred from Bellinzona to Grasshoppers Zurich a few weeks ago, scored all his team's goals in a 3-3 draw against the Hungarian club Videoton. Skeszeverhar in a friendly.

### On the ball

RELEGATED club Udi-

nese is wasting no time preparing for the new Italian second division season began two days before any other squad.

### Bordeaux pick

FRENCH first division players have picked Bordeaux to retain its title and Monaco, bolstered this summer with English stars Glenn Hoddle and Mark Hateley, as runner-up.

### Coming home

WELSH non-league club Merthyr Tydfil has been given the go-ahead to stage the home leg of their European Cup Winners Cup first round tie against Italian side Atalanta.

### Stars on outer

FOUR members of Italy's 1982 World Cup-winning Soccer team are facing unemployment after the close-season transfer deals. Striker Paolo Rossi, defenders Marco Tardelli and Claudio Gentile and Gabrieli Orioli all played in the final against West Germany and have been left without clubs.

# A SHAMEFUL ABSURDITY

## Napoli v Real Madrid. . .

THE draw for the EUROPEAN CUP was made last week and UEFA after bungling last year, decided to rectify the mistakes that led to a Juventus — Real Madrid second round clash occurring again, by seeding teams.

It seemed the best thing but imagine the shock to the Napoli and Madrid systems when it was learnt that one of these champion clubs would not go past the first round after being paired together!

Real Madrid were given further reason to believe the Soccer fates are against them when they were paired with Diego Maradona's Napoli on top of the unrest in the camp concerning the cloud hanging over their successful manager.

The Italian champions, unseeded because of their mediocre record in Europe, were the club the other 31 teams most wanted to avoid.

But it will be a particularly tough assignment for the Spaniards who must play the first leg on 16th September behind closed doors as punishment for the crowd trouble at last season's semi-final against Bayern Munich in Madrid.

UEFA has ordered the six times winners of the Champions' Cup to play their next home tie in an empty Santiago Bernabeu Stadium which has a capacity of over 100,000.

Should Real beat Napoli, who won the Italian League and Cup double last season, they will have to play the home leg of their second round tie in a stadium at least 350km from Madrid.

Real director Manuel Fernandez-Trigo said: "This is the worst possible draw for us. We were hoping for one of the lesser known European clubs in the first round, especially in view of the UEFA "closed doors" decision in the first leg.

"With players like Diego Maradona and the Brazilian Careca it means a huge financial loss for us."

Although nine clubs, including last season's winners Porto of Portugal, were seeded in the Champions' Cup, Maradona and Napoli were left as dangerous floaters because they had not reached the semi-finals of any of the three European club competitions in the past five years.

Porto, who came from behind to beat Bayern Munich 2-1 in last season's final in Vienna, could also have wished for better luck and they will need to be at their best to over-

come Yugoslav champions Vardar Skopje.

No less intriguing will be Dynamo Kiev's return to Scotland to face Glasgow Rangers, managed by former Liverpool midfielder Graeme Souness and captained by England defender Terry Butcher.

The Soviet champions beat Glasgow Celtic in last season's competition and will be a stern test for Souness' expensively assembled outfit when they visit Scotland for the second leg on 30th September.

There are a number of other outstanding first round clashes, notably Bordeaux of France

against Dynamo Berlin of East Germany and 1986 winners Steaua Bucharest against MTK Budapest.

Cup Winners' Cup holders Ajax Amsterdam begin their defence with a gentle turn-out against Dundalk of Ireland while little Merthyr Tydfil of the Welsh league tackle Italian cup finalists Atalanta.

UEFA Cup winners Gotingen will stay in Scandinavia for their opening match with Brondby of Denmark while last season's runners-up Dundee United of Scotland tackle Coleraine of Northern Ireland.

UEFA official Rene Eberle said that although the UEFA Cup had for some time been divided into eight groups of eight teams based on geographical and economic factors, the Champions' and Cup Winners' had no such arrangement.

Asked to explain how two top clubs like Real Madrid and Naples could be paired together in the

first round Eberle said: "That's the luck of the draw . . . European champions Porto could have drawn Benfica in the first round.

"I'm afraid the geographical and economic rule we have only refers to the UEFA Cup and not to the Champions' Cup or Cup Winners Cup."

In Italy, Napoli officials expressed dismay at the draw, though club president Corrado Ferlaino remained optimistic.

"It's a really bad draw, but the will to win I saw last season at Napoli will, I think, mean we can compete even against obstacles of this sort."

Manager Ottavio Bianchi echoed the disappointment.

"We knew that being unseeded we risked being drawn against one of the big clubs . . . but I think we've ended up with the most powerful of all."

Bianchi said the fact the match was being played behind closed doors in

Madrid "could be to our advantage."

Real Madrid coach Leo Beenhakker said the draw "could not have been worse" for the Spanish champions.

"It's tough luck for both teams, but worse for us since we have to play behind closed doors."

He said the draw was a blow for Real fans who, because the club have to play the home leg behind closed doors, would be denied the chance of seeing Diego Maradona.

The absurdity of the European Cup draw has struck again — hard enough, surely, to put even the most even-tempered Soccer fan on the Continent into a fit of rage.

So the champions of Italy — and the team which includes in Diego Maradona the most attractive Soccer commodity in the world — might fall at the first hurdle, as might Real Madrid, the greatest club in the history of the Cup.



Napoli's captain and champion — DIEGO MARADONA.

TORQUAY United has become the third English football club to ban away supporters from league matches, the other being Luton and Colchester.

STRIKER Colin West may move from Scottish champions Rangers to Dutch club Feyenoord for \$457,880 while David Hodgson, the striker released by Norwich at the end of last season, is poised to sign for Spanish side Jerez.

ENGLISH Soccer club Tottenham Hotspur have been barred from a pre-season tournament in the Netherlands by the Football Association because of fears of crowd violence from their fans.

CAMEROON beat Malawi 3-0 in a qualifying match to ensure a berth for the Seoul Olympics and at the same time farewell retiring front-runner Roger Millain Yaounde.

Kunde Emmanuel opened the scoring with a 25-yard free kick in the 46th minute. Tatawa made it two-0 16 minutes later and Kanah Biyick hit the third in the dying seconds of the match.

Milla, one of Cameroon's 1982 World Cup heroes, was given a tremendous ovation by the 15,000 crowd after the final whistle.

ENGLAND centre-back Mark Wright is poised to leave Southampton for first division rivals Sheffield Wednesday in an \$1.6 million deal.

If the transfer goes through Saints hope to replace Wright by Oldham's Kevin Moore at a bargain price of \$500,000.





## Copa America Champions

URUGUAYAN celebrations after their 1-0 win over Chile in the final of the Copa America.

Above: Captain Jose Perdomo hoists the symbol of South American supremacy and at right, star striker Enzo Francescoli gets to grips with the Cup. Francescoli was in fact one of four players sent-off in the match.



### NEXT WEEK:

Keith Houchen on Coventry's future fortunes...

THE Belgian Government has finally succeeded in its legal moves to extradite 26 Liverpool football fans to face charges of manslaughter arising from the 1985 Heysel Stadium riot in which 39 people died.

LUTON Town striker Mark Stein is ready to step down two divisions to third division Brighton for \$200,000.

WEST Ham has lost midfielder Geoff Pike to third division Notts County.

## The Champions...

The full list of champions from the Copa America since the inception of the tournament in 1917. Current champions Uruguay have won the title nine times while Chile have never won.

|                       |                |           |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Montevideo.....1917   | Uruguay.....   | Argentina |
| Rio de Janeiro...1919 | Brasil.....    | Uruguay   |
| Vina del Mar....1920  | Uruguay.....   | Argentina |
| Buenos Aires....1921  | Argentina..... | Brasil    |
| Rio de Janeiro...1922 | Brasil.....    | Paraguay  |
| Montevideo.....1923   | Uruguay.....   | Argentina |
| Montevideo.....1924   | Uruguay.....   | Argentina |
| Buenos Aires....1925  | Argentina..... | Brasil    |
| Santiago.....1926     | Uruguay.....   | Argentina |
| Lima.....1927         | Argentina..... | Uruguay   |
| Buenos Aires....1929  | Argentina..... | Paraguay  |
| Buenos Aires....1937  | Argentina..... | Brasil    |
| Lima.....1939         | Peru.....      | Uruguay   |
| Montevideo.....1942   | Uruguay.....   | Argentina |
| Guayaquil.....1947    | Argentina..... | Paraguay  |
| Rio de Janeiro...1949 | Brasil.....    | Paraguay  |
| Lima.....1953         | Paraguay.....  | Brasil    |
| Santiago.....1955     | Paraguay.....  | Chile     |
| Lima.....1957         | Argentina..... | Brasil    |
| Buenos Aires....1959  | Argentina..... | Brasil    |
| La Paz.....1963       | Bolivia.....   | Paraguay  |
| Montevideo.....1967   | Uruguay.....   | Argentina |
| Toda América 1975     | Peru.....      | Colombia  |
| Toda América 1979     | Paraguay.....  | Colombia  |
| Toda América 1983     | Uruguay.....   | Brasil    |
| Buenos Aires....1987  | Uruguay.....   | Chile     |

Other South American tournaments have been played without every nation competing. Below are those tournaments, winners and runners-up.

|                      |                |           |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Buenos Aires....1916 | Uruguay.....   | Argentina |
| Lima.....1953        | Uruguay.....   | Argentina |
| Santiago.....1941    | Argentina..... | Uruguay   |
| Santiago.....1945    | Argentina..... | Brasil    |
| Buenos Aires....1946 | Argentina..... | Brasil    |
| Montevideo.....1956  | Uruguay.....   | Argentina |
| Guayaquil.....1959   | Uruguay.....   | Argentina |

SLEEPING giants Schalke 04 could be forced to sell their international midfielder OLAF THON — or face expulsion from the Bundesliga.

The six-times League Champions face debts of almost \$5 million and have been warned by the West German FA (DFB) to reduce the deficit to \$1.2m or lose their professional status.

Thon, who was only 20 when he went to World Cup Finals last

summer, is valued at \$5 million.

Schalke, meanwhile, have offered Soccer outcast Harald Schumacher a lifeline. But the \$60,000 transfer deal with Cologne will only go through once the DFB is satisfied with the club's finances.

Schumacher has threatened to go to court if he isn't allowed to join another German club after his book containing drug-taking allegations was published.

## NEEDLE MATCH

IN Peru, San Agustin striker Jose Ziani is taking legal action against Joya Iqueno defender Alejandro Bassa.

The pair collided during a League game nad while they were on the turf Bassa stabbed Ziani twice in the knee... with a needle. Bassa was immediately arrested.

## FIFA TO CHANGE RULES

FIFA, Soccer's world governing body announced a change in the throw-in rule at the international board meeting two weeks ago.

As from next season, a team which does not take the throw in from the right spot will forfeit the throw and the opposition will take it.

## FULL EUROPEAN CUPS DRAW

EUROPEAN CUP (\* denotes seeded club)  
Rapid Vienna\* v Hamrun Spartans (Malta)  
FC Porto\* v Vardar Skopje (Yugoslavia)  
Dynamo Kiev\* v Rangers  
Bordeaux\* v Dynamo Berlin  
Benfica\* v Partizan Tirana (Albania)  
Bayern Munich\* v Sredets Sofia (Bulgaria)  
Steaua Bucharest\* v MTK Budapest  
Malmo (Sweden) v Anderlecht\*  
Real Madrid\* v Napoli  
Neuchatel Xamax (Switzerland) v Lahti (Finland)  
PSV Eindhoven v Galatasaray (Turkey)  
Reykjavik v Sparta Prague  
Olympiakos v Gornik Zabrze (Poland)  
Shamrock Rovers v Omonia Nicosia (Cyprus)  
Aarhus (Denmark) v Jeunesse d'Esch (Luxembourg)  
Lillestrom (Norway) v Linfield

### EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP

Preliminary Round  
Limassol (Cyprus) v Dunajska Streda (Czech)  
First Round  
Mechelen (Belgium) v Dinamo Bucharest\*  
Beggen (Luxembourg) v Hamburg\* (Tues 15th)  
Lokomotiv Leipzig v Marseille  
Aalborg (Denmark) v Hajduk Split\*  
Ajax Amsterdam\* v Dundalk  
Real Sociedad (Spain)\* v Slask Wroclaw (Poland)  
Sporting Lisbon v FC Tirol (Austria)\*  
Dynamo Minsk v Genclerbirliigi (Turkey)  
Rovaniemi (Finland) v Glentoran  
Sliema Wanderers (Malta) v Shkober (Albania)  
Prelim winners v Young Boys Berna  
Akranes (Iceland) v Kalmar (Sweden)  
Vitosha (Bulgaria) v OFI Crete (Greece)  
Ujpest Dozsa (Hungary) v Den Haag (Netherlands)  
St Mirren v Tromso (Norway)  
Merthyr Tydfil (Wales) v Atalanta (Italy)

### UEFA CUP (\* denotes seeded club)

Aberdeen\* v Bohemians Dublin  
Barcelona\* v CF Belemen (Portugal)  
Linzer AK (Austria) v FC Utrecht (Netherlands)  
Wismut Aue (EG) v Valur Reykjavik  
Beveren v Bohemians Prague  
Borussia Munchengladbach v Espanol  
Feyenoord v Sparta (Luxembourg)  
Guimaraes (Portugal) v Tatabanya (Hungary)  
Grasshoppers Zurich v Dynamo Moscow (USSR)  
Celtic v Borussia Dortmund  
Szczecin (Poland) v Verona  
Honved Budapest v LKS Lokeren  
Dundee United\* v Coleraine  
Spartak Moscow v Dynamo Dresden  
Vilkoivice (Poland) v AIK Stockholm  
Turun (Finland) v Admira Wacker (Austria)  
Brondby (Denmark) v Gothenburg\*  
Zenit Leningrad v FC Bruges  
Mjondalens (Norway) v Werder Bremen  
Sportul Bucharest v Katowice (Poland)  
Panathinaikos\* v Auxerre (France)  
Larnaca (Cyprus) v Vitoria Bucharest  
Vlora (Albania) v Partizan Belgrade  
Real Gijon (Spain) v AC Milan  
Juventus\* v Valetta (Malta)  
Uni Craiova (Romania)\* v Coimbra (Portugal)  
Red Star Belgrade v Plovdiv (Bulgaria)  
Toulouse v Panionios Athens  
Besiktas (Turkey) v Inter Milan\*  
FK Austria\* v Bayer Leverkusen  
LKS Sofia (Bulgaria) v Dynamo Tbilisi (USSR)  
Velez Mostar (Yugoslavia) v Sion (Switzerland)

Matches to be played on 16 and 30 September with the first named team at home in the first leg.

THE Italians, staunch traditionalists when it comes to making structural changes to their Soccer, are showing signs at last of bending in the name of progress.

Beginning next month, a new points system which will try to eliminate draws will be tried out in the country's domestic Cup competition. If successful, it may one day be adopted for the league.

Under the system, if a match is drawn at the end of 90 minutes, the teams go straight into a penalty shoot. Wins over 90 minutes will get three two points; the losers on penalties one.

The system is identical to that launched for this season.

The changes, if implemented for the league, could have much significance for the world game.

Italian Soccer has survived, indeed thrived, despite its renowned expertise in defensive tactics at the expense of carefree attacking play.

A change in the Italian game is likely to have an influence elsewhere.

In addition, the Italian Federation has also decided to boost its 18-team first division to 18 by the beginning of the 1988-89 season.

ANOTHER England centre-back Terry Fenwick is set to walk out on Queens Park Rangers, along with midfielder Mike Fillery.

SPARTAK Moscow lead the Soviet Union first division from Dnepr, Jalgiris Vilnius and Torpedo.

BEATEN FA Cup finalist Tottenham Hotspur has pulled off one of the shrewdest captures of the British scene by signing Nottingham Forest's Dutch international midfielder Johnny Metgod.

With clubs scurrying to improve squads for the season opening in a few weeks, Spurs signed for immaculate Metgod for a bargain \$572,350.

He will replace England international Glenn Hoddle who recently left sSpurs to join French club Monaco for \$1.7 million.



# SHORTS



SIR Stanley Matthews has been given an honorary Masters degree by Keele University in Britain. "I was never a bad student but I spent too much time kicking footballs about," was Sir Stan's response.

AC Milan won a mini-tournament in Milan which included Inter, Porto, Barcelona and Paris St Germain. Michel Platini will donate his fee for appearing in the Wembley Centenary much next month to the Michel Platini Foundation, fighting drug addiction.

Japan beat Indonesia 2-1 in an Olympic qualifier in Jakarta. Bobby Gould is the new boss of Wimbledon. Ari Hann has left his job as Anderlecht manager.

Gary Owen has signed again with Greek club Panionios. Anderlecht midfield star Juan Lozano has a broken leg. David Speedie is likely to replace Peter Beardsley at Newcastle. UEFA and the European Economic Community reached a

stalemate in their discussions over foreign player quotas at European clubs.

ITALY watches with interest the ritualistic movement of players and coaches between clubs.

• GREEK star Nicos Anastopoulos, of Olympiakos, will go to Avellino.

• ARGENTINE Claudio Borghi, on Milan's books, will play for Como.

• FIORENTINA, who will be coached by former Roma boss Sven Eriksson, have signed Swede Glen Hysen from Gothenburg.

• TOP Juventus scorer Aldo Serena will go to Inter.

• JUVE midfielder Lionel Manfredonia has gone to Roma, who have also signed Rudi Voeller from Bremen and Collovati from Udinese.

• VERONA have strengthened their line-up with West German Thomas Berthold and Juventus discard Pioli.

ATLETICO Madrid, apparently turned down by former Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson, have set their sights on Argentine supremo Cesar Luis Menotti.

The much travelled Menotti, formerly boss at Barcelona, was made a huge offer which may tempt him from Boca Juniors.



RUDI VOLLER

BRAZILIAN defender Oscar, so admired for his performances in the 1982 World Cup, has confirmed that he will play for Japanese first division club Nissan.

Oscar, 33, recently cancelled his contract with Brazilian champions Sao Paulo following a row with coach Culinho.

Oscar was the captain of Brazil's 1978 World cup squad and a reserve to newcomer Julio Cesar in last year's World Cup in Mexico.

TOTTENHAM's \$23,000 fine for fielding a weakened side in an English First Division Soccer game five days before the FA Cup final has been halved following an appeal against the severity of the fine.

TOTTENHAM Hotspur had plans to play pre-season games in Holland rejected for fear of hooliganism.

Charlie Nicholas will stay at Arsenal after all. Torino are chasing Spurs' goal machine Clive Allen after losing out on plans to sign Mark Hughes from Barcelona.

Argentine world champion goalie Nery Pumido has had microsurg after having a finger se red in a freak accident.

Cesar Luis Menotti has joined Atletico Madrid. Neuchatel have signed Uruguayan Jorge Da Silva from Atletico Madrid.

Former England star Francis Lee has been granted a racehorse trainer's licence.

Cesena have been promoted to the Italian first division. Torquay have banned visiting fans from their ground. Glen Hoddle made his debut for Monaco by scoring in a 2-1 win over Hajduk Split in a friendly. Frank Vercauteren has moved from Anderlecht to Nantes.

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